

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

Basic Laser Training

Expanded Outline

1. Orientation and Introductions

- a. Instructor and class Introductions
- b. Registration
- c. Materials (Binder)

2. History and Theory of Laser

1. Einstein
 - a. 1917 Theory
 - b. Energized molecules give light
 - c. Small portion of light spectrum

3. Gould
 - a. 1957 Invented first Laser
 - b. 1990 First used for speed detection
 - c. Light measured in nanometers
 - d. Visible light 750 – 400 nm
 - e. Measured in wavelength distance not frequency
 - f. Light travels at 186,000 miles per second
 - g. LIDAR – **L**ight **D**etection and **R**anging
 - h. transmits pulsed light to measure target range

3. Laser Basics

- a. Light source between two mirrors
- b. Light sent to first mirror
- c. Light sent back to original source
- d. Light sent to second mirror
- e. Light amplification

4. Basic Characteristics

- a. Manmade
- b. Monochromatic light
- c. Average beam is 3 ½ feet in diameter at 1000 feet
- d. Does not measure speed
- e. Measures (TOF) Time Of Flight
- f. Speed = Distance / Time
- g. Time is divided in half

5. Laser in Action

- a. Kustom ProLaser II
 1. Sends out 238 pulses per second
- b. Distance and ½ TOF determine
 1. The object is stationary or in motion
 2. The distance of the object
 3. The objects direction of travel

6. Lidar Operations

- a. Calibration
 - 1. The average of least squares
- b. Laser pulses
 - 1. Not reflected back
 - 2. Different points on car – different distance
 - 3. Minimum 70 pulses returned
- c. Run Self-Test / Internal to Lidar
- d. Check beam sight alignment
- e. Check range
- f. Target selection, color, size or shape of vehicle
- g. Target range optimum 200' to 2000'
- h. Tracking
 - 1. Visual estimation
 - 2. Target acquisition
 - 3. Audio tone – NOT A DOPPLER TONE
 - 4. Digital read-out display

7. Weather

- a. Effects range not accuracy

8. Problems

- a. Cosine Effect
- b. RFI
- c. Sweeping
 - 1. Panning
- d. Interference
 - 1. Signal interrupted
- e. Bright lights
- f. Scanning
- g. Range
 - 1. Two points of same car

9. Case Law

- a. State of Calif. Vs Beamer (1955)
- b. State of Calif. Vs Halopoff (1967)
- c. State of Calif. Vs Maclaird (1969)
- d. State of Calif. Vs Johnson (1972)
- e. State of Calif. Vs Echols (1975)
- f. State of Calif. Vs Steritt (1976)
- g. State of Calif. Vs Flaxman (1977)
- h. State of Calif. Vs Miller (1979)

10. CVC Codes

1. Legal Aspects
 - a. CVC 40800
 1. Vehicle and uniformed officer
 - b. CVC 40801
 1. Speed Trap Prohibition
 - c. CVC 40802
 1. Speed Traps
 - d. CVC 40802(b)(1)
 1. Local Streets and Roads
 - e. CVC 40803
 1. Speed Trap Evidence
2. Posted Speed
 - a. CVC 22358(a)
 1. Decrease of Local Speed Limits
 - b. CVC 41100
 1. Speed Restriction Signs
 - c. CVC 22348
 1. Excessive Speed
 - d. CVC 22349
 1. Maximum Speed Limit
 - e. CVC 22350
 1. Basic Speed Law
 - f. CVC 22352
 1. Prima Facie Speed Limits
3. Engineering and Traffic Survey
 - a. CVC 627
 1. Prevailing Speeds
 2. Accident Records
 3. Highway, traffic and roadside conditions

11. Open Discussion and Final Review

12. Final Examination

- a. Written Test

13. Evaluation

14. Certificates