**Event: Drill Team**

Law enforcement has used the close order drill to determine the readiness of their agencies. The purpose of the close order drill is to move a unit from one place to another in a standard and orderly manner. The close order drill provides simple formations from which tactical formations can be readily assumed (i.e., crowd control). The drill teaches discipline by instilling habits of precision and automatic response to orders. It also increases leadership confidence through exercise of command, by giving proper commands and overall control of members of the unit.

The Drill Team Competition will be evaluated based on the Army Drill and Ceremony FM 22-5. This manual furnishes information and describes procedures for close order drill. It encompasses detailed procedures for all drills and ceremonies executed by troop elements ranging in size from the individual to the regiment.

The minimum youth needed to compete in this competition is five (5) and the maximum number is nine (9).

The Drill Competition consists of the following three phases

A. Uniform Inspection

1. Unit leader forms the unit for inspection/drill

2. The inspector/judge inspects the unit (i.e., Neatness, uniform serviceability, grooming, unit uniformity, etc…)

B. Stationary Drill (i.e., left/right-face, about-face, open/closed ranks)

C. Moving Drill (i.e., march to the oblique, column movement, march to the flank)

During Stationary and Moving Drill, the judging will consist of but not limited to the following:

1. Emphasis on command presence, commands, and command voice

2. Command execution by the unit members responding to commands

3. Proper squad alignment and interval

4. Military bearing, energy and spirit

Trick Drill may be used but is extremely complex and requires extensive training. Trick drill is not described in the drill and ceremonies manual. Trick drill is only limited to the imagination of the team.

**D. Flag folding –** This portion of the competition will be based on Army Flag Regulations 840-10. The Flag will be draped over a mock closed casket. Teams will perform the flag folding as they would at the conclusion of a funeral, and present the flag to the judge to complete the exercise. Bonus points will be given for answering questions related to flag history and protocol.