



Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Training		Class ID#	Course ID#
Police Firearms Instructor		200032	73968
Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location
May 5-8, 2025	8:30 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.	40	Southeastern IL College 3575 College Rd Harrisburg, IL 62946

Course Description

This train-the-trainer course is designed to develop police firearms instructors, preparing them to develop agency firearms training programs and to teach basic firearms handling and marksmanship skills with the **Duty Handgun, Patrol Rifle and Police Shotgun**. This is an interactive course wherein students actively participate acting as Instructor, Coach and Range Master. This is a “teaching” course, not a “shooting” course. With this, the primary class activities will involve students properly documenting and conducting firearms range training exercises and classroom presentations. Each student will conduct several “teach-back” exercises in the classroom and on the range with the Duty Handgun, Patrol Rifle, and the Police Shotgun. Students will also be taught how to properly develop and prepare lesson plans for both classroom presentations and live fire firearms training exercises. Students will also learn the legal considerations specific to Police Firearms Instructors, such as “failure to train”. There will also be an emphasis on the Human Factors element of Deadly Force encounters. Special emphasis will be placed on the *Firearms Training Triad* which focuses on Safety, Accuracy & Speed as it relates to proper police firearms training and usage, throughout this course.

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Prerequisites & Pre-test

Officers must have successfully completed 40-hours Mandatory Firearms Training (or graduated the BLE Academy) and Basic Patrol Rifle Training class. Basic Police Shotgun Training also is recommended, to attend this class. **Students will also be required to pass the ILETSB Annual Handgun Qualification course and the Annual Patrol Rifle course with a 90% minimum score for each test at the beginning of the class to continue.** Students will need to pass the Basic Shotgun Course of fire by the end of week.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this class students will be able to:

- Teach proper police firearms handling skills with the Duty Handgun, Patrol Rifle and Police Shotgun.
- Teach shooting fundamentals and marksmanship skills with the Handgun, Patrol Rifle and Police Shotgun.
- Develop lesson plans to properly document police firearms training exercises.
- Describe legal considerations specific to police firearms training and Firearms Instructors.
- Make an effective and proper classroom presentation.
- Act as a Range Coach, Range Safety Officer, and Range Master
- Describe the “Human Factors” in deadly force situations.
- Analyze shooter errors and provide corrections.
- Develop effective firearms training live-fire course of fire.
- Develop agency firearms policy.

Equipment Needs

- Semi-automatic Duty Pistol, with 3 magazines
- Duty belt, holster, and other related gear
- Police shotgun
- Patrol Rifle, with 3 magazines
- Flashlight
- Eye protection & Hearing protection
- Cleaning kit

Ammunition

- 300 rounds handgun
- 300 rounds rifle
- 25 shotgun target loads
- 20 rounds of 00 buckshot
- 20 rifled shotgun slugs

Instructors

MTU 15 Police Training Specialist, Justin Spencer brings over 22 years of law enforcement experience to MTU 15. Justin has served as both a municipal police officer in the metro east area and as a deputy sheriff / sergeant with the White County Sheriff’s Department. Justin has served as a Police Firearms Instructor since 2004 and has provided service training for multiple departments in and around White County while serving in this capacity. Justin has also served as an Adjunct Instructor in Criminal Justice for Southeastern Illinois College since 2020. Justin also holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Murray State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern Indiana. Justin will be the primary contact point for agencies located within Training Service Area (TSA).

Mandates Met by This Training

Civil Rights ~ Constitutional and Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority ~ Procedural Justice ~ Legal Updates ~ Use of Force

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