



# Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program

Mobile Team Unit 15

## Training Announcement

Name of Training			Class ID#	Course ID#
Introduction to Red Dot Sights (Pistol)			129945	73792
Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location	
October 17, 2022	0830 – 1630 hrs.	8	Carbondale Police Range 105 S. Bigler RD Carbondale, IL	

### Course Description

This class is intended to familiarize students with the Miniaturized Red Dot pistol (MRDS) platform. Red Dot methodology will be discussed as well as gear and gun considerations. Specific drills are introduced to make the student more familiar and confident with a new sight system. The three major focal points will be: finding the dot on presentation, tracking the dot under recoil, and addressing dot specific malfunctions. How to zero your gun will be shown and explained. Low light shooting will also be addressed (range permitting) as it relates to RDS pistols. Officers will shoot several courses of fire and drills, including decision-making drills. Firearms Instructors will benefit from this class, as they will begin to see more and more of these guns showing up in classes. Instructors having a baseline understanding of the system will benefit their students. Students will shoot the State 30 round in-service qualification course. Loaner red dot guns and holsters are available for use for agencies considering them.

### Course Objectives

- Understand MRDS nomenclature.
- Understand maintenance of MRDS system.
- Find the dot / Track the dot.
- Understand zero and holdover of MRDS.
- Understand setting up an MRDS pistol.
- Differentiate between red dot & iron sights.
- Understand MRDS malfunctions and fixes.
- Successfully pass the qualification exam.

### Instructor



Jared Smith has served as a Corrections Officer at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department (IL) for 17 years. Currently assigned full time to the department's training cadre, he is also a member of the department's CERT Team and a department Range Master. Jared is a certified Master Firearms Instructor, and holds several other firearms specific certifications. In his off time, he runs his business, DMEC Firearms Training, teaching LE and civilian courses.

### Required Equipment

- 350 rounds of factory ammunition
  - Eye and ear protection
  - Full duty belt
  - Permanent marker
  - Sight adjustment tool for your optic.
  - Duty handgun with MRDS optic
- Must be of a design that allows for co-witnessing with the mechanical ("iron") sights on the handgun.**

### Mandates Met by This Training

*De-escalation Techniques ~ Law Concerning Stops, Searches, and the Use of Force  
Officer safety Techniques, Including Cover, Concealment, and Time.*

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