

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

MTU #13

Course Announcement



Basic Police Marksman/Observer

August 10th-14th, 2026

0830-1630 Hrs

Effingham County Sportsman's Club
14295 Sportsman's Drive
Effingham, Il. 62401

Submit enrollment to:
Registration form at
www.mtu13.com,
ecimlett@gmail.com
Or call 217-345-3344

GOALS: The Goals of the Course are as follows

- Ensure each officer is proficient with their rifle/scope combination
- Ensure each officer knows how to maintain and care for their weapon
- Ensure each officer is proficient in observation and information gathering
- Ensure each officer understands proper documentation of records

COURSE PREREQUISITES: Must be a certified police officer. Officers should be in good physical condition, this is a physically demanding course and can be stressful, and multiple days of firing in different positions can take a toll on some officers.

GRADING POLICY: This training is performance based, and will require officers to demonstrate proficiency in each of the areas. Course requirements to pass will be as follows;

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| Written examination - | 70% or better |
| Cold Bore exams - | Days two three and four cold bore shots are fired for score and must average 70% or greater |
| Final qualification - | 100% and you will have three attempts to pass each course of fire |

Observed Mandates Include:

De-Escalation

15.5 hours with 5.5 role play

Ofc. Safety techniques

23.00 hours with 23.00 hours of role play

*****Note from the Director*****

This is not a giveaway class, meaning something that you pass by attending. You will have to show proficiency in the skill sets taught in order to pass. The instructor will help you as much as he possibly can, but in the end, it's on the shoulders of the students to perform. I've known the instructor for over 25 years, he does a great job. You will enjoy this class very much.

Student Pack List-

- Sniper rifle with quality Scope and sling
- Drag Bag or similar carrying case
- Backpack
- 300 rounds of match quality grade ammunition
- Data book/binder
- Duty callout belt with handgun and 50 rounds of ammunition
- Soft body armor for range time.
- Weather appropriate range wear
- Hearing and eye protection
- Water for personal hydration
- Sunscreen and insect repellent are highly suggested (always good thing to have in your bag)
- Firearms cleaning gear
- Any questions about your gear should be directed to the instructor at: sspear@co.coles.il.us



This course is funded by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.



-About the instructor-

Steve Spear is a retired Coles County Sheriff's Deputy with a distinguished 24-year career in law enforcement marked by leadership, specialized training, and service to his community. His career began in corrections, where he served for three years before spending another three years on patrol. His dedication and expertise led to a promotion to investigations, where he served as an inspector with the East Central Illinois Drug Task Force for four years and later as a detective after that assignment.

Steve was subsequently promoted to Patrol Sergeant and Field Training Officer (FTO), positions he held for 14 years while mentoring and developing the next generation of law enforcement professionals. Throughout his career, he also played a critical role in firearms training and qualification, serving as Range Officer for eight years and Range Master for twelve years. He was also a proud member of the Coles County Crisis Response Team, where he served in multiple specialized roles, including Entry Operator, Sniper/Observer, Assistant Commander, and ultimately Team Commander.