

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

MTU #13

Course Announcement



Body Worn Camera Recording Redactions: FOIA, SAFE-T-ACT, DPPA and Legislative Update

November 12th, 2026

0830-1630 hrs

Denny Stewart Training Center

3121 Dewitt Avenue

Mattoon, Il.

Submit enrollment to:
Registration form at
www.mtu13.com

PURPOSE OF COURSE: The implementation of the SAFE-T Act has established a comprehensive, highly technical compliance framework for rural law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois. This 8-hour intensive course provides a practical roadmap for navigating the critical statutory intersections where the Body Camera Act, Illinois FOIA, pretrial detention deadlines, and the federal Driver’s Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) meet. Officers will learn to navigate the requirements for redacting officer worn body camera recordings, understand the interplay between FOIA, the SAFE-T Act, the DPPA, and the Body Camera Act, and the practical effects that the time constraints place on understaffed rural agencies.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: 8 hours of interactive discussions and scenario-based exercises. The course begins with a baseline redaction audit and moves through technical instruction on the Body Camera Act and the Driver’s Privacy Protection Act (DPPA). Students will apply these tools in tabletop exercises involving residential privacy traps and traffic stop recordings, culminating in a self-comparison of their redaction skills.

Observed Mandates Include:

Legal Updates

Procedural Justice

Mike Hill, the elected State's Attorney in Brown County, took office in December 2020. Prior to his election in Brown County, Mike was the elected State's Attorney in Scott County, serving in that capacity from 2008 until his election in Brown County. Mike has a long career in public service, beginning as a police officer with the City of Mt. Sterling in 1994, and including a stint right out of law school working for a law office in Springfield, Illinois, that focused on local government law.

Mike and his wife Kelley (Kropp) are Brown County natives. Mike graduated from BCHS in 1989 and Kelley in 1994. During his last term in Scott County Mike and his wife, Kelley, felt that the time was right to move back home. Mike had been blessed to have served the good people of Scott County for 12 years but it was time to come home and continue his public service, now for the people of Brown County. Since moving back in 2020, Mike and Kelley have enjoyed watching their daughter, Vanessa, make her own memories in the community that is so special to Mike and Kelley.

Mike takes a firm, but fair, approach in prosecuting criminals. He is a proponent of using asset forfeiture to deter criminal activity and has had success in seizing assets of drug dealers in both Scott and Brown Counties, resulting in the incarceration of those dealers. Mike has pursued the forfeiture of cash, guns, vehicles, and even residential property in cases ranging from persons driving while revoked all the way to the sale of poisonous drugs in the community. Since taking office in Brown County, Mike has secured the first murder conviction in recent memory as well as convictions for child sex offenders, drug dealers, and, as of August, 2023, has collected over \$5,500.00 in bad check debt for local businesses.

