

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

MTU #13

Course Announcement



Non-Escalation and De-Escalation as a Force Alternative

September 19th, 2025

0830-1630 Hrs

Denny Stewart Training Facility

3121 Dewitt Ave.

Mattoon, Il. 61938

Submit enrollment to:

Registration form at

www.mtu13.com

Course Description: Effective communication skills can assist law enforcement in preventing unnecessary injuries to both officers and citizens, while reducing liability exposure to agencies and units of government. This course will encompass communication skills necessary to prevent escalation in potentially intensifying circumstances. If events worsen, students will learn communication skills shown to de-escalate potentially violent encounters. Participants will also learn about the rights of citizens to peacefully assemble and express their first amendment rights vs. situations that would justify an arrest. Additionally, participants will learn proper use of force based on prevailing case law and U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Instruction will include video examples of contemporary events.

Topics include:

- Non-escalation Skill Development
- De-escalation Skill Development
- Use of Force Strategies
- Reasonable Force Standards
- Civil Rights and Legal Issues
- First Amendment Gatherings
- Constitutional Limits on Police Authority

Observed Mandates Include:

Crisis Intervention

De-escalation techniques

Law Concerning Stops, Searches and Use of Force

Ofc. Safety Techniques Including Cover, concealment and time

The program will be conducted by Dr. Michael Schlosser, President and Lead Instructor with Law Enforcement Expert, Training, and Consulting, LLC (LEETAC). Dr. Schlosser has been in Law Enforcement for over 34 years. He is currently Director of the University of Illinois Police Training Institute (PTI). Dr. Schlosser retired as a Lieutenant from the Rantoul Police Department after 20 years of service. During this time he held positions as field training officer and supervisor, detective, juvenile officer, wellness director, control tactics instructor, and K-9 supervisor. He earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Governor's State University, a Master Degree in Legal Studies from the University of Illinois-Springfield, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Schlosser has worked for PTI since 1998 and has been a full-time instructor since his retirement in 2004. He has taught dozens of courses and trained thousands of police recruits in most aspects of policing. His instructor certifications include 7th Degree Blackbelt in Karate-Do, Master Arrest & Control Tactics Instructor, and O.C. Spray Instructor.



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