

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

MTU #13

Course Announcement

Legal and Justifiable Use of Force– Jeff Pavletic

October 6th, 2025

0830– 1630 hrs

Denny Stewart Training Center

3121 Dewitt Ave

Mattoon, Il.

Submit enrollment to:

Registration form at

www.mtu13.com



This may be one of the most important classes that you attend or that you have officers attend. Getting this wrong can mean your job, your career, your pension or your freedom or heavy lawsuits against you and your agency, or combinations of the above. Not only you, are you going to get it right when you arrive and a private person has used force in one way or another. How about when YOU are off duty or at home? Here are some topics that will be discussed. You do not want to miss this folks.

Qualified Immunity, what is it and what you should know. Use of Force in Defense of Persons, Excessive force used during an arrest. Self Defense, what is it and who gets to claim it? Use of force in defense of a dwelling. How that pertains to you as a police officer. Necessity of Force. People vs. Suerth. By law, peace officers have to submit to drug and alcohol testing in an officer involved shooting situation. What can you expect? Use of force in defense of other property, Use of force by aggressor and many, many more. This is absolute must have material.

Jeff will also go over case laws and how they need to be applied right here in your jurisdiction. This will be a great class, I look forward to seeing a packed room.

Observed Mandates Include:

Constitutional Use of L/E Authority

Legal Updates

Procedural Justice

Use of Force





Jeffrey J. Pavletic is an award-winning trial attorney who has built a reputation of integrity and exceptional skill in the courtroom. As a prosecutor for the past two decades, he has tried countless cases to victory (including approximately 150 jury trials with a concentration in homicide and violent crime). In addition to trying some of the highest profile and complex cases that have occurred in the history of Northern Illinois, Jeff was Chief of the Felony Review Division, and is currently the First Assistant State's Attorney for the Lake County (Illinois) State's Attorney's Office.

Jeff served as Special Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee in the impeachment of President Clinton. His duties included all aspects of independent counsel review, the impeachment inquiry, presentation of articles of impeachment to the U.S. House of Representatives, all witness interviews and depositions of trial witnesses, and the actual impeachment trial before the United States Senate.

Not only has he developed a reputation for excellence in the courtroom, but he is also a published author and a well-respected legal instructor. He currently holds undergraduate and graduate faculty positions and has received accolades as a nationally renowned lecturer, training thousands of police officers, lawyers, prosecutors, and judges.

Jeff has received numerous federal, state and local awards. These include the Illinois State Crime Commission's State's Attorney of the Year, Felony Trial Attorney of the Year, The Fred L. Foreman Criminal Justice Award, The Ruth Rosengarden Victim Service provider Award, and a special U.S. House of Representatives Award presented by Congressman Henry Hyde. Jeff has been featured on 20/20, The Today Show, Good Morning America, Court TV, and the Discovery Channel.