

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

MTU #13

Course Announcement



Rural Triage: Bridging the Gap from Roadside to

Courtroom

November 13th, 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: This 8 hour course is designed to demonstrate to officers how mistakes during the initial steps of investigations, errors or omissions in reports, and missing crucial evidence all combine to weaken criminal cases. The instructor will tell the officers what they need to provide to prosecutors for a pretrial detention hearing under the SAFE-T Act and to give the best chance of securing a conviction. Officers will broaden their search for evidence during those crucial first minutes of an investigation by expanding the way they think about a crime.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: 8 hours of interactive discussions with officers reading and evaluating real-world police reports, culminating in applying the skills they have learned in this course to determine where mistakes were made and what they would do differently to provide the best possible criminal case to prosecutors.

Observed Mandates Include:

Constitutional Use of LE Authority

Human Rights

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.

