

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

MTU #13

Course Announcement



Officer Survival and Communication Spanish Level 1

September 8th-10th, 2026

0830-1630 Hrs

Denny Stewart Training Center

3121 Dewitt Avenue

Mattoon, Il.

Submit enrollment to:

Registration form at

www.mtu13.com

Course Description: Officer Survival & Communication Spanish (24-hours)

This 24-hour course enables attendees to engage with Spanish-speaking, Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals and successfully manage the first responder function, including identifying individuals. This includes handling general, and known risk traffic stops, affecting standing, kneeling, and prolie arrests, and gathering the basic information for intake and booking. It also prepares attendees to respond to threats that might otherwise be missed when slang/code language is used in Spanish to communicate around the officer.

Course Objectives:

- Learn the essentials to gather information and complete paperwork in Spanish
- Acquire interview control techniques
- Learn to transition safely from scene security commands to investigative questioning
- Questioning to assess need for additional resources
- Become functional with arrest commands and control expressions in Spanish
- Learn to handle general/unknown-risk and known-risk/high-risk traffic stops in Spanish
- Recognize Spanish street-slang, gang slang, drug terms and weapons terms
- Recognize imminent danger and when to take safety precautions
- Learn to navigate cultural and behavioral differences to enhance preparedness & improve outcomes
- Become familiar with pertinent legal cases

Observed Mandates Include:

Cultural Competency

Procedural Justice

High Risk Traffic Stops

Adam Chacón is a 26-year veteran in law enforcement. Being a native Spanish Speaker has enabled him to be an incredible asset to his department and his brothers in blue. Adam had served 12 years as a Patrol Supervisor, 10 years as a Field Training Officer and 22 years as Adjunct Faculty Member at Police Training Institute (PTI) at the University of Illinois. He was the only bilingual hostage negotiator for the Champaign County METRO/SWAT.

Adam has worked with multiple state, county and municipal Illinois agencies, the FBI, DEA and U.S. Marshall's Service on cases involving Spanish language as well as investigated a full range of incidents at patrol level.

He has served as investigator/interpreter on homicides, attempted homicides, drug interdictions, sexual assaults, child sex assault, as well as other major cases and critical incidents. Adam began with Partners in Training Consultants (PITC) as a Spanish Instructor and has been certified since 2000. Over the last 16 years he has taught over 2,800 hours of PITC courses. He continued to work with Jose Alentado & PITC to develop multi-media training materials, manuals and resources to support the curriculums and methodology.

Adam developed and has taught Police Spanish Training based on the PITC methodologies for the Illinois Police Training Institute (PTI) since 2001