

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

MTU #13

Course Announcement



The Winning Mind with Dave and Betsy Smith

March 13th, 2025

0830– 1630 Hrs

Denny Stewart Training Center

3121 Dewitt Avenue

Mattoon, IL.

Submit enrollment to:

Registration form at

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Dave “J.D. Buck Savage” Smith first presented *The Winning Mind™* in 1987. Since then it has evolved into one of the most remarkable training experiences that law enforcement personnel will ever attend. By looking at the key components of peak performance, including who wins and why, the roles that optimism, risk and bureaucracy play in our personal and professional lives, and how individuals and organizations can make themselves truly resilient, Dave presents an entertaining & inspiring program designed to help everyone, regardless of their experience, optimize their odds of **winning** any confrontation.

The Winning Mind is updated continuously and always customized for the audience when it is presented. In his unique, energetic style, Dave Smith and his wife **Sgt. Betsy Smith** will give men & women the mental edge they need to not only face threats on the street but also manage the stresses they may confront in their daily lives, both on and off duty. In this multi-media session, Dave and Betsy will discuss:

- *What makes someone a “winner?”*
- *Why “survival” is minimalistic and we must train to **WIN!***
- *The true role of “**Warrior Ethos**” in the police profession*
- *Understanding the role **beliefs** play in winning*
- *What is true “optimism?”*
- *The “Truth About Gender Differences” in all aspects of your life*
- *What training really works and why*

Observed Mandates Include:

Const. Use of LE Authority

Officer Wellness

De-Escalation

High-Risk Traffic Stops

Officer Safety Techniques

- *The science of **Crisis Decision Making***
- *The “**Not Today**” mindset, every day, on every shift*
- *Law Enforcement’s Role in Preserving a Free Society*
- *Preventing panic, the “archenemy of survival”*

*Being truly **resilient** after a setback!*

This course is perfect for everyone working in a public safety organization regardless of rank, experience or assignment. Dave Smith’s *The Winning Mind* has something for everyone!



Former police lieutenant **Dave Smith** is an **internationally known speaker, writer and law enforcement expert**. Dave completed his college degree at the University of Arizona while fighting forest fires with the “Coconino Hot Shots” and then began his police career with the Tucson Police Department. In 1978 he joined the Arizona Department of Public Safety, holding positions in Patrol, SWAT, Narcotics, Training and Management. In 1980 he developed the popular "Buck Savage" video training series, was the lead instructor for the Calibre Press "Street Survival" seminar from 1983 to 1985, and was instrumental in developing Calibre's timeless "Tactical Edge" officer survival book. Dave holds numerous instructor certifications in firearms, defensive tactics, and human performance and is a proven expert witness and consultant.

In 1989, Dave joined the Law Enforcement Television Network (LETN), developing and hosting cutting-edge police, security and public safety training as its Director of Education and was the general manager of Calibre Press until January of 2002. Dave continued to instruct the “Street Survival” seminar through 2012 as its senior instructor and he managed the most comprehensive update to the seminar since 2003. Dave created the video training unit for PoliceOne.com and is still the primary trainer for the online Police One Academy. He produced and hosted PoliceOne’s award winning “Roll Call Reality Training” segments and was a member of their advisory board.

Dave has authored hundreds of articles for publications including Police Chief, Law and Order, The Trainer, Police Marksman, the Calibre Press Newsline, PoliceOne, Officer.com, Law Officer NationalPolice.org and POLICE magazine. Dave currently trains internationally through the Arizona-based “The Winning Mind LLC” and is a regular columnist for POLICE magazine, the National Police Association and Law Officer.com. Dave is the author of the popular book *In My Sights* and is a frequent media analyst concerning law enforcement issues. Dave can be reached via his website at www.jdbucksavage.com.

Sgt. Betsy Brantner Smith retired in 2009 as a 29-year veteran of a large metropolitan police department in the Chicago suburbs. Beginning her career as a police dispatcher at age 17, Betsy became an officer four years later and has held positions in patrol, investigations, narcotics, juvenile, hostage negotiation, crime prevention and field training. She received her four year degree from Western Illinois University in 1991, and was a class officer and graduate of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety’s School of Staff and Command in May of 2001.

She supervised her department’s K-9 Unit, served as a field training sergeant, recruitment team sergeant, bike patrol coordinator, Crowd Control Bike Team leader, and supervisor of the Community Education/Crime Prevention Unit. Betsy served on the Elderly Services Team, the Crisis Intervention Team, and was a proud founding supervisory member of NPD’s Honor Guard Unit. Betsy received numerous awards and commendations from her police department as well as many local and national awards for her performance as a police officer and supervisor.

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