

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

MTU #13

Course Announcement



Warning to Motorist/Summary Suspension– What you need to know

February 19th, 2025

0830-1630 Hrs

Denny Stewart Training Center

3121 Dewitt Avenue

Mattoon, Il.

Submit enrollment to:

Registration form at

www.mtu13.com,

This 8-hour course, created by Jennifer Cifaldi, the Illinois Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, aims to equip law enforcement with the knowledge and skills to effectively use the proper Warnings to Motorists and remove impaired drivers from Illinois roadways. The training covers:

- All Warning to Motorist forms
- DUI case law
- Courtroom testimony
- Summary Suspension hearings
- Understanding Illinois Driver's Abstracts
- 2020 Cannabis DUI updates

Participants will learn to correctly complete Warning to Motorist forms, write comprehensive DUI reports, and navigate DUI law, enhancing their ability to handle DUI cases, including felony charges.

Course Goals

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the various Warnings to Motorists and when to use each one
- Amend defective reports effectively
- Navigate DUI Cannabis investigations
- Successfully defend Petitions to Rescind Statutory Summary Suspensions
- Cite relevant case law
- Prepare thoroughly for testimony at Summary Suspension Hearings and DUI trials

Interpret driving abstracts to enhance DUI charges to the felony level

Observed Mandates Include:

Legal Updates

Procedural Justice

Civil Rights

Const. Use of LE Authority

For the officers: This class will instruct you on the various Warnings to Motorists used for the Illinois implied consent law. The officer will be able to recognize which Warning to read depending on the facts presented. The officers will understand how to utilize the new Cannabis DUI Warning to Motorist and appreciate the differences between it and a standard DUI Warning to Motorist. They will know how to amend their sworn reports and will also know how to assist the Prosecutor in the courtroom with effective testimony during the summary suspension hearings to avoid having the suspension rescinded. Additionally, they will be provided with tips on how to write a bulletproof report and how to interpret Illinois driving abstracts.

For the Prosecutors: This program will provide you with the tools on how to successfully defend Petitions to Rescind Summary Suspensions and to better understand the various Warnings to Motorist under the Implied Consent Statutes. You will walk away from this course with the confidence needed in your case so as not to negotiate the suspension as part of the criminal case. You will have a better understanding driving abstracts and how to interpret them and will be well versed in the relevant case law.



This class consists of classroom instruction and the facilitation of discussion amongst participants on which Warnings to use and common attacks that defense attorneys use in Summary Suspension hearings. Additionally, participants will be provided current case law relevant to summary suspensions. They will also be provided with an instruction block on driving abstracts and courtroom testimony.

Instructor:

Jennifer Cifaldi is the Illinois Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor and is employed by the University of Illinois at Springfield through a grant from the Illinois Dept. of Transportation. She has held this position since October of 2016. Prior to that, Jennifer served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Adams County, Illinois for 20 years, prosecuting traffic cases at both the felony and misdemeanor level. She also was an adjunct professor at Hannibal-LaGrange University for their advanced degree program in Criminal Justice.

In 2007, Jennifer developed a DUI No-Refusal search warrant model that has now been adopted as the standard for Law Enforcement agencies and Prosecutor Offices across Illinois. She has conducted numerous training sessions on the topic for law enforcement personnel, as well as other prosecutors. Additionally, she has instructed at numerous ARIDE programs and at DRE school.

In the spring of 2018, she worked with Macon County, Illinois to implement forensic phlebotomy for Illinois officers. Jennifer worked with the Buffett Foundation to organize the first ever phlebotomy training by arranging for five officers, a dean from Richland Community College and herself to travel to Phoenix, Arizona and attend the forensic phlebotomy training that Arizona has been utilizing for over 20 years. She is now working with RCC to begin offering classes to Illinois law enforcement officers to become phlebotomists.

In 2016, Jennifer was the recipient of the National Traffic Safety Prosecutor of the Year award. She was also the recipient of the MADD Hero award in 2011 for her work on prosecuting DUI cases. And in 2014, she was awarded the 2014 Murphy Leadership award for her vision, execution and relentless effort to eliminate impaired driving and underage drinking.

Jennifer earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and Society from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana in 1993 and her Juris Doctorate from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana in 1996. She resides in Quincy, Illinois with her husband and son.

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