



Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Training			Class ID#	Course ID#
Introduction to Red Dot Sights (Pistol)			200580	73792
Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location	
April 10, 2026	8:30-4:30 pm	8	Rend Lake College 468 Ken Gray Parkway, Rm 143 Ina, IL 62846	
Course Description				
<p>This class is intended to familiarize students with the Miniaturized Red Dot pistol (MRDS) platform. Red Dot methodology will be discussed as well as gear and gun considerations. Specific drills are introduced to make the student more familiar and confident with a new sight system. The three major focal points will be: finding the dot on presentation, tracking the dot under recoil, and addressing dot specific malfunctions. How to zero your gun will be shown and explained. Low light shooting will also be addressed (range permitting) as it relates to RDS pistols. Officers will shoot several courses of fire and drills, including decision-making drills. Firearms Instructors will benefit from this class, as they will begin to see more and more of these guns showing up in classes. Instructors having a baseline understanding of the system will benefit their students. Students will shoot the State 30 round in-service qualification course.</p>				
Course Objectives				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand MRDS nomenclature. Understand maintenance of MRDS system. Find the dot / Track the dot. Understand zero and holdover of MRDS. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand setting up an MRDS pistol. Differentiate between red dot & iron sights. Understand MRDS malfunctions and fixes. Successfully pass the qualification exam. 		
Instructor				
<p>MTU 15 Police Training Specialist, Justin Spencer brings over 22 years of law enforcement experience to MTU 15. Justin has served as both a municipal police officer in the metro east area and as a deputy sheriff / sergeant with the White County Sheriff's Department. Justin has served as a Police Firearms Instructor since 2004 and has provided service training for multiple departments in and around White County while serving in this capacity. Justin has also served as an Adjunct Instructor in Criminal Justice for Southeastern Illinois College since 2020. Justin also holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Murray State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern Indiana.</p>				
Required Equipment				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 350 rounds of factory ammunition Eye and ear protection Full duty belt Permanent marker Sight adjustment tool for your optic. Duty handgun (3 magazines) with MRDS optic <p>Must be of a design that allows for co-witnessing with the mechanical ("iron") sights on the handgun.</p>				
Mandates Met by This Training				
<p><i>De-escalation Techniques ~ Law Concerning Stops, Searches, and the Use of Force Officer safety Techniques, Including Cover, Concealment, and Time.</i></p>				
<p><i>This class is partially funded and certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board</i></p>				

