

Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Training				Class ID#	Course ID#
Police Firearms Instructor				200249	73968
Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location		
April 6-9, 2026	8:00 A.M 6:00 P.M.	40	Carbondale Firing Range 105 S. Bigler Rd Carbondale, IL		

Course Description

This train-the-trainer course is designed to develop police firearms instructors, preparing them to develop agency firearms training programs and to teach basic firearms handling and marksmanship skills with the **Duty Handgun**, **Patrol Rifle and Police Shotgun**. This is an interactive course wherein students actively participate acting as Instructor, Coach and Range Master. This is a "teaching" course, not a "shooting" course. With this, the primary class activities will involve students properly documenting and conducting firearms range training exercises and classroom presentations. Each student will conduct several "teach-back" exercises in the classroom and on the range with the Duty Handgun, Patrol Rifle, and the Police Shotgun. Students will also be taught how to properly develop and prepare lesson plans for both classroom presentations and live fire firearms training exercises. Students will also learn the legal considerations specific to Police Firearms Instructors, such as "failure to train". There will also be an emphasis on the Human Factors element of Deadly Force encounters. Special emphasis will be placed on the *Firearms Training Triad* which focuses on Safety, Accuracy & Speed as it relates to proper police firearms training and usage, throughout this course.

Prerequisites & Pre-test

Officers must have successfully completed 40-hours Mandatory Firearms Training (or graduated the BLE Academy) and Basic Patrol Rifle Training class. Basic Police Shotgun Training also is recommended, to attend this class. Students will also be required to pass the ILETSB Annual Handgun Qualification course and the Annual Patrol Rifle course with a 90% minimum score for each test at the beginning of the class to continue. Students will need to pass the Basic Shotgun Course of fire by the end of week.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this class students will be able to:

- Teach proper police firearms handling skills with the Duty Handgun, Patrol Rifle and Police Shotgun.
- Teach shooting fundamentals and marksmanship skills with the Handgun, Patrol Rifle and Police Shotgun.
- Develop lesson plans to properly document police firearms training exercises.
- Describe legal considerations specific to police firearms training and Firearms Instructors.
- Make an effective and proper classroom presentation.
- Act as a Range Coach, Range Safety Officer, and Rage Master
- Describe the "Human Factors" in deadly force situations.
- Analyze shooter errors and provide corrections.
- Develop effective firearms training live-fire course of fire.
- Develop agency firearms policy.

Equipment Needs

- Semi-automatic Duty Pistol, with 3 magazines
- Duty belt, holster, and other related gear
- Police shotgun
- Patrol Rifle, with 3 magazines
- Flashlight
- Eye protection & Hearing protection
- Cleaning kit

Ammunition

- 300 rounds handgun
- 300 rounds rifle
- 25 shotgun target loads
- 20 rounds of 00 buckshot
- 20 rifled shotgun slugs

Instructors

MTU 15 Assistant Director Doug Wilson has over 24 years of police experience. Doug is an Active Threat Master Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Red Dot Pistol Instructor, Use of Force Instructor, EEVOC Instructor, TASER Instructor and has been a supervisor, FTO, and Special Response Team member/ sniper. Doug's goal is to teach police officers to become "Thinker Fighters".

Mandates Met by This Training

Civil Rights ~ Constitutional and Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority ~ Procedural Justice ~ Legal Updates ~ Use of Force

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