



Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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Mobile Team Unit #1 is funded in partnership with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board

40 hr. Firearms Instructor Training

DATES: May 11-15, 2026

Registration Ends: April 25, 2026

TIME: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM 40 Hours

LOCATION: Dixon Police Department 220 S. Hennepin Ave Dixon IL.

INSTRUCTOR: Howard Melchi Firearms Instructor

Day 1- Officers must qualify on their 1st attempt of the 50 round course to remain in the class

This is not a learn to shoot class, it is a learn to coach & teach course.

The proposed Instructor must be able to effectively teach/present an assigned topic during this class

Course Content: Through lecture, demonstration and practical exercises, the Firearms instructor will have the knowledge and ability to do the following:

- ~ Be well versed in the use of “Deadly Force”
- ~ Instruct firearms safety
- ~ Instruct gun handling skills
- ~ Conduct firearms training / qualification for all officers
- ~ Instruct basic marksmanship skills
- ~ Operate a range safely
- ~ Maintain firearms training records

Topics will include:

- ~ Nomenclature & weapons maintenance
- ~ Modern technique: Grip-Stance-Sight alignment
- ~ Use of Force
- ~ Low light shooting techniques
- ~ Rifle familiarization
- ~ Basic gun handling skills
- ~ Malfunction drills, Tac load, Shot analysis
- ~ Shoot positions
- ~ Combat shooting & moving, speed drills
- ~ Instructor development

The student will be expected to pass a written examination (70%), present a block of instruction to fellow students, and shoot a qualification score of 80% or better on the (50) rd. State of Illinois course of fire.

Students will need the following equipment:

- Eye and Ear protection (mandatory)
- 500 rounds handgun ammunition
- Flashlight
- Duty handgun - 3 magazines and gun belt
- 20 rounds, .223 ammunition (gun not provided)



Required paperwork to enroll in the course

1. No later than 7 days prior to the start of class, MTU1 must have received a:
 - a. "Course Enrollment" form
 - b. Signed Indemnification Agreement
 - c. Proof of Liability Coverage (Certificate of Liability Insurance from agency)

Partial funding provided by Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and MTU#1's request for certification of this course has been approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

REGISTRATION:

All registrations are received on the [MTU#1 website](#).

After registering on-line, you will be sent the forms cited to fill out and return to our office. All documents can be sent to coppo@mtu1.com or faxed to 815-288-6787. Originals need to be mailed to the office.