



# Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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## ***The Art of Diversion Using Restorative Justice & Appropriate Station Adjustments***

**DATE:** January 16, 2024

**Registration Ends:** December 16, 2023

**TIME:** 8:00 AM—5:00 PM      8 Hours

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

**INSTRUCTOR:** Det. Richard Wistocki-Retired

### **COURSE CONTENT:**

Over the past 30 years Illinois Law Enforcement has moved away from engaging with juveniles who have committed low level misdemeanor crimes and their parents/guardians. Unfortunately, Illinois ranks as the top 3 states for NOT having quantitative reporting numbers to the federal government about our interactions with juveniles. Illinois Law Enforcement rather has shifted from spending time and educating juveniles in their jurisdictions to writing them tickets, doing nothing with the case or arresting them, fingerprinting them, and booking them. That is NOT what the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 intended in its legislative intent. In order to have meaningful interactions with juveniles, we trained and certified thousands of Juvenile Officers over the last 20 years. Their job is to advocate for the juvenile plain and simple. However, Juvenile Officers in this state have not had in-depth training to execute proper Station Adjustments be it Informal or Formal. This class will instruct the certified juvenile officer how to use Restorative Justice practices when there is victimization involved. We will go in depth as to what are the steps for meaningful diversion that will have a positive impact on not only the juvenile but their parents/guardian as well. The research data is very clear. When Law Enforcement has a positive interaction with a juvenile who commits a low-level crime and is held accountable through diversion and restorative justice, the recidivism rate for that juvenile to commit another crime is less than 10%. This is the data nationwide. We must come back to the legislative intent of the Juvenile Court Act and we will accomplish this through this half-day refresher course.

Upon completion of the training exercises, participants will:

1. We will understand the legislative intent of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987
2. We will understand the updates of the Juvenile Court Act
3. Establish and review the role of the certified juvenile officer and the SRO.
4. The student will have a working knowledge of Restorative Justice, what it means and how to establish its philosophy.
5. We will learn the illegalities of writing tickets in school according to Illinois Law.
6. Discuss the laws in that state in reference; Harassment through Electronic Communication, Sexting, Indecent Solicitation of a Child, Sexual Exploitation of a Child and Child Pornography, Vaping and Hate Speech.
7. Once the suspect is identified, the importance of the interview with Parents and Students Together.



8. We will affect a Diversion protocol and use the online program of JuvenileJusticeOnline.org.
9. Learn the appropriate consequences for these crimes in order to effect behavior modification through properties of Restorative Justice and Education.

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](#).

Find Registration instructions [here](#)

**THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC MEETING**

**This class meets the following ILETSB mandates:**

**Civil Rights 1 Hour**

**Constitutional and Proper Use of Authority 2 Hour**

**Legal Updates 1 Hour**

**Officer & Youth Interaction 1 Hour**