



Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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Child Maltreatment and Child Sexual Abuse

DATE: October 26-27, 2026

Registration Ends: October 10, 2026

TIME: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM 16 Hours

LOCATION: Dixon Elks Lodge 779, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd., Dixon, IL

INSTRUCTOR: Detective Jennifer Hillgoth

Training Provided by Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center and MTU1.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to provide law enforcement officers with a comprehensive overview on various crimes against children involving child neglect, endangering the life and health of a child, child physical abuse, child sexual abuse and infant/child death investigations. Each topic will be discussed in a way officers can recognize and distinguish each of these offenses, appreciate how responses may appear, dispel common myths and outdated practices, discern how injuries may or may not present, understand the complexities involved and learn how to overcome challenges these types of crimes present. This course will also provide officers guidance regarding their response to these specific calls while appreciating the unique characteristics involving a child's disclosure, discuss components of these crimes that officers can recognize upon their responses, explain how law enforcement can appropriately work with a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) approach and consider best practices when documenting observations.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Differentiate between accidental and non-accidental injuries
- Distinguish plausible mechanisms behind injuries
- Identify high lethality injuries and neglect scenarios
- Discuss scene investigation and evidence collection
- Appreciate the importance of working as a Multi-Disciplinary Team
- Highlighting trauma informed approaches and dispelling myths regarding sexual abuse
- Understanding the evidence an infant/child's body and a scene provides in death investigations

This course has been certified by the ILETSB and approved to meet the following mandates:

- Lead Homicide - 16 hours
- Human Rights - 9 hours
- Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect - 3 hours
- Constitutional/Proper Use of LE Authority - 1 hour

REGISTRATION:

All registrations are received on the MTU#1 website. Find Registration instructions [here](#)

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