



Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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40-Hour Patrol Rifle Instructor Course

DATE: May 11-14, 2026

Registration Ends: April 20, 2026

TIME: 8:00 AM—6:00 PM (4-10 Hour Days)

LOCATION: Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center, 650 West State Street, Rockford IL

INSTRUCTOR: Jared Smith, Tim Coomer, Matt Jarvis

Class Objectives:

Within law enforcement, there lies no shortage of instructors, but a shortage of good instructors. The main objective of this class is to build and mentor new firearms instructors, specific to the AR15/Patrol Rifle platform, who can then go back to their agencies with knowledge of the subject, effective delivery of the material, and a desire to continue to grow and evolve as instructors. Upon successful completion of this instructor level course, students will be able to return to their agencies with the knowledge and ability to run qualifications, craft lesson plans, teach in service training, and develop drills and scenario-based training for their agency, all based on the AR15 platform. Class will be a mixture of classroom lecture, range demonstration and instruction, teach backs, and live and dry fire drills to build instructors.

Student Assignments:

Active participation, successful passing of live fire qualification, written test, and all teach backs.

Student Gear and Materials:

Students are required to bring the following to class each day:

- A. Complete Duty Belt with holster and flashlight
- B. Duty Handgun with 3 magazines (weapon light if authorized)
- C. Duty Patrol Rifle and minimum of 3 rifle magazines
- D. Note taking material
- E. 700 rounds of rifle training ammunition, 100 rounds of pistol training ammunition > NO GREEN TIP AMMUNITION
- F. Ballistic Vest

Safe weapon handling must be a constant priority to every firearms instructor. A momentary lapse of safety can result in the needless death or serious bodily injury of someone on the range. Your co-workers, friends, family, and the public are put at risk if you do not maintain safety awareness. Whether on or off duty, in the home, the office or even in a high stress environment, we cannot afford to allow complacency or mental preoccupation to lead to the unintentional discharge of a firearm.



Class Daily Syllabus

Day 1:

0800-0900: Orientation and paperwork

0900-1200: First qualification and combat zeroing procedures

1300-1600: Nomenclature, rifle setup and configurations, fundamental drills

1600-1800: Reloads and malfunction drills, Transition to pistol drills

Day 2:

Assignment of Teach Back topics

0800-1000: Field strip, cleaning, and lubrication procedures

1000-1100: Fundamentals refresher from Day 1

1100-1200: Combat Shooting and Amplified Fundamentals

1300-1800: Accelerated Combat Shooting, Target transitions

Day 3:

0800-1200: Movement and Positional Shooting

1300-1800: Cover and Concealment. Cover course

Day 4:

0800-1000: Written test and Final qualification

1000-1200: Teach backs

1300-1700: Teach backs

1700-1800: Evals, paperwork, and admin task

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](#)