



Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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FOCUS™-Red Dot Optic Armorer's Course

DATE: August 11, 2025

Registration Ends: August 1, 2025

TIME: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM

LOCATION: Winnebago Co. Criminal Justice Center, 650 West State St., Rockford, IL

INSTRUCTOR: Al Bello

PURPOSE OF COURSE: The FOCUS™ - Red-Dot Armorer's Course is designed to provide firearms instructors with the essential skills and knowledge required to maintain, troubleshoot, install and zero red-dot optic systems used on law enforcement firearms. This course equips participants with a comprehensive understanding of the technical aspects of red-dot optics, ensuring that they can support their agencies by maintaining these critical tools in optimal working conditions. The course is structured to meet the specific needs of law enforcement armory operations, focusing on practical, hands-on training combined with the necessary tools to ensure the agency's optics are installed correctly.

COURSE OVERVIEW: The FOCUS™ - Red-Dot Armorer's Course is an intensive 8-hour program aimed at training law enforcement firearms instructors as qualified armorers for red-dot optical systems. As red-dot optics become increasingly prevalent in law enforcement, this course addresses the growing need for knowledgeable professionals who can maintain, install, and calibrate these devices. Participants will receive in-depth training on the mechanics, maintenance procedures, and troubleshooting techniques for a variety of red-dot systems commonly used in the field. The course includes practical workshops where participants will uninstall, inspect, and reinstall red-dot sights onto firearms, learning to identify and resolve common issues that can affect performance. Additionally, the course covers the integration of red-dots with various firearm platforms, ensuring that participants can advise and support their agencies effectively.

- Students **MUST** be (or have been selected by their agency to attend) certified Firearms Instructors.
- Students **MUST** be sworn police officers.
- Students **MUST** bring a weapon and optic combo they will work on to install and uninstall. If this is the student's duty weapon, that is the weapon he/she will take apart. A spare gun/optic combo is recommended. If spare is brought, A **HOLSTER MUST ACCOMPANY THE SPARE WEAPON**.
- Students **MUST** have an appropriate holster for their weapon/optic/light combo.
- Students must bring 300 rds of ammunition for the weapon they will shoot.
- Students must bring their duty belts.
- Students must bring their vests.
- Students must bring eye and ear protection.
- Students must bring 20 "dummy" training rounds for their weapon.
- Students must bring at least 3 training magazines for their weapon.
- Students must have an optic mounted on their primary handguns prior to arriving to class.

Course Goals: The goals of this course are:

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of red-dot optic systems, including their components, tolerances under duty use, and functions.



- Equip participants with the skills necessary to perform routine maintenance and cleaning on red-dot optics
- Teach troubleshooting techniques to diagnose and resolve common issues with red-dot optics.
- Provide practical experience in uninstalling, inspecting, and reinstalling red-dot sights onto firearms.
- Ensure participants are knowledgeable about the integration of red-dot optics with various firearms platforms and can offer informed guidance to their agencies across most popular firearms platforms
- Teach zeroing techniques to ensure all agency firearms are calibrated to the weapon they are mounted to.

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](#)

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

Procedural Justice- 2 Hrs.

De-escalation – 2.5 Hrs., 2.5 Hrs. scenario based

Officer Safety Tech. – 2.5 Hrs., 2.5 Hrs. scenario based