



Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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40 Hour Basic Police Sniper

DATE: October 19-23, 2026

Registration Ends: October 1, 2026

TIME: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM 40 Hours

LOCATION: Down Range Training Room, 422 Cherry Avenue, Rochelle, IL

INSTRUCTOR: Matt Gerard – Down Range LLC

DUAL REGISTRATION FOR THIS COURSE: ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THE COURSE USING THE LINK PROVIDED BELOW (OR DOWN RANGE LLC WILL INVOICE YOUR AGENCY) WHEN REGISTERING THROUGH DOWN RANGE, LLC. ALSO, ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER WITH MTU1 TO RECEIVE THE MANDATED CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE. COST FOR THIS 40 HOUR COURSE IS \$1000.00 PER REGISTRATION.

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For Questions call Matt Gerard 630-290-4601 or e-mail at matt@downrangecc.com

Course Description: This is a 40-hour basic police sniper course. The purpose of this course is to train and certify SWAT operators as sniper/spotter teams. Operators will be trained in the use of observation and precision rifle fire to ensure the best possible outcome to a SWAT incident. Live fire and range components will be held at various locations in and around Rockford and Rochelle, Illinois.

Topics covered:

- Precision rifle setup
- Zeroing procedure
- Data book usage
- DOPE recording
- Moving target engagements
- Positional shooting
- Hide construction
- Stress shooting
- Command and coordinated fire

Required equipment:

- Precision rifle capable of 1 MOA or better. **NO HUNTING RIFLES**
- Small soft bag/ Sand sock
- 400 rds. ammunition of match ammunition from the same lot
- Data book
- Hide construction materials if available
- Ghillie suit if available
- Tri-pod w/ saddle if available



- Hide vehicle if available
- Pack for equipment
- Ear protection

Class schedule is:

Monday -Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday – 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, class is shot at an outdoor range and is a full day of shooting. Students are encouraged to bring a lunch and proper hydration for a day on the range.

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

- De-Escalation Techniques - 10 hours / 10 hours scenario based
- Officer Safety Techniques - 20 hours / 16 hours scenario based
- Use of Force – 5 hours
- Legal Updates - .50 hours

REGISTRATION:

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

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