



# Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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## Red Dot Pistol Instructor Course

**DATE:** March 11-12, 2026

**Registration Ends:** March 1, 2026

**TIME:** 8:00am to 4:00pm 16 Hours

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

**INSTRUCTOR:** Jared Smith-DMEC

### Red Dot Pistol Course for Instructors

#### **I. Course Title:** *Red Dot Pistol Instructor*

**II. Course Objectives:** This course and its Points of Instruction (POI's) are intended to teach current firearms instructors the MRDS (Miniature Red Dot Sight) System for pistol mounted optics. POI's will begin with the basic operation of a pistol mounted red dot, and the benefits of implementing and authorizing the use of MRDS through department policy. Policy suggestions will be given. The proper way to mount a red dot will be discussed. Finally, live and dry fire drills will be run. These drills will focus on several topics, including a proper and efficient draw stroke to find the dot upon presentation, tracking the dot under recoil, dot specific malfunctions, and the use of the dot and close and extended distance. The class will be run as "shooter/coach" format on the line.

**III. Instruction Methods:** Lecture and PowerPoint, Handouts, Dry fire, Live fire, Instructor Demonstration, written test, live fire qualification.

**IV. Instructor Materials:** A. RDS Pistol and range belt  
B. IFAK Kit  
C. Demo ammunition  
D. PowerPoint and pocket notes  
E. Various targets

**V. Student Materials:** A. RDS Pistol, Duty Belt, 3 magazines  
B. 800 rounds of training ammunition  
C. Eye and ear protection  
D. Note taking material, to include a sharpie. To be carried on person.  
E. Body armor

**VI. Student Performance Objectives:** Students in this class should have previously attended a basic firearms instructor course. This class is not intended to learn how to teach someone to shoot, but rather how to teach specifically to the RDS system. At the end of class, students should have a baseline knowledge of the RDS systems, pros and cons to be aware of, and typical maintenance. They will have the necessary knowledge to instruct other shooters on the RDS system, as well as the *why*. Students will also have to pass a written test with a 90% or better score, and a live fire qualification, and



again pass with a 90% or better.

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

**Emergency Medical Response - .5 Hour**  
**De-Escalation Techniques - 7 Hours/4 Hours Scenario Based**  
**Officer Safety Techniques - 5 Hours/4 Hours Scenario Based**

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](#)