



Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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De-Escalation Instructor Course

DATE: April 27-29, 2026

Registration Ends: April 15, 2026

TIME: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM 24 Hours

LOCATION: Stewart Center West, 2900 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, IL

INSTRUCTOR: Jason Taylor – Blue Shield Tactical

Jason Taylor is a Missouri Police Officer and subject matter expert in de-escalation for the State of Missouri. He is also a United States Air Force veteran who achieved the titled of Master Instructor in over 30 courses while assigned to the Air Mobility Warfare Center.

In today's dynamic law enforcement landscape, effective communication is paramount. This De-escalation Instructor Training Course equips you – the instructor – with essential skills to guide officers through tenses situations. Here's what makes this course stand out:

Real World Communication Tactics:

- Tactful Communication: Learn how to defuse high-pressure encounters using words to avoid the physical encounter.
- Baseline for officers: Provide officers with a toolkit for reducing liability, maintaining professionalism, and building rapport.
- Lifesaving Potential: Effective de-escalation can literally save lives.

Hands-On Scenario Based Learning:

- Classroom Participation: Dive into practical scenarios-based theory alone won't cut it.
- Skills of Persuasion: Master techniques to influence behavior positively.
- Blueprint for Success: Solve potentially volatile situations before they escalate.

Essential Strategies:

- Promoting Professionalism: Image matters-learn how to project authority while remaining approachable.
- Liability Reduction: Mitigate risks through effective communication.
- Understanding Tactical Communication: Adapt to ever-changing expectations.
- Group Scenarios: Practice with peers for realistic learning.
- Real-World Experience: The instructor knows the daily challenges law enforcement faces.
- Conflict Avoidance: Learn to steer clear of confrontations using persuasion.
- Career-Enhancing Knowledge: Translate newfound insights to your officers.

This is a two-year certification

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

- De-Escalation Techniques - 15.0 hours (3.0 hours scenario based)
- Procedural Justice - 2.50 hours
- Crisis Intervention - 2.0 hours
- Cultural Competency – 2.0 hours

REGISTRATION:

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

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