



Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) in Law Enforcement

DATE: June 8-11, 2026

Registration Ends: May 24, 2026

TIME: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM 32 Hours

LOCATION: Sycamore Police Department, 535 Dekalb Ave., Sycamore, IL

INSTRUCTOR: Chris Edwards

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This training will introduce officers to the use of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), commonly called "drones", for both evidence collection and search operations. The course will cover all aspects of UAS operations, including preparations for the mandatory FAA Part 107 licensing. It will include information on the necessary waiver to fly in populated areas and night operation of drones. Hands-on experience with full-sized drones will give officers the confidence and ability to operate in a safe manner. Evidence collections in both photo and video format will be addressed, as well as the legal aspects of how to handle and store this information, as it differs from standard photo/video collection rules.

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

- Const./Proper use of LE Authority - 4.0 hours
- Officer Safety Techniques - 1.0 hours
- Legal Updates - 1.0 hours
- Civil Rights - 1.0 hours

REGISTRATION:

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

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