**East Central Illinois Police Training Project MTU 12**

**TO:** Law Enforcement Administrators

**FROM:** Kevin Koontz, Police Training Director

**DATE:** May 12, 2025

**RE:** Training Announcement

***Autism for School-Based Law Enforcement*** will be held on **July 22nd, 2025** at the ILEAS Training Center.

This course is certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for the following mandates:

* Constitutional & Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority (1.0hr)
* Crisis Intervention (4.0hrs)
* Use of Force – De-Escalation Techniques (2.0hrs)
* Use of Force – Officer Safety Techniques including cover, concealment, and time (1.0hr)
* Officer & Youth Interaction (8.0hrs)

***Course Description:***

This course will provide school-based law enforcement officers with a comprehensive understanding of autism and how students with autism behave, communicate, and react in various situations.  It will address high risk and crisis incidents and provide tips and strategies to defuse and de-escalate potentially volatile situations.  The training will cover how to conduct interviews involving victims, witnesses, and suspects who have autism.  The training will focus on what types of crimes and schemes students with autism are more likely to become victims.  This course with also cover the importance of developing departmental polices and procedures for addressing missing person cases involving people with autism.  This training will also cover the Individualized Education Program and Behavior Intervention Plans for autistic students. The course will address school safety drills for students with autism.

This course is instructed by Retired Coral Gables PD Commander Bart Barta. Bart is currently the president of Autism Safety 101, Inc.

**Department Sign-Up Sheet**

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Department Training Staff:

Please use this sheet as an inter-department sign up sheet for staff who are interested in registering for the course. Then, after determining staffing levels, department needs, etc… please visit [www.mtu12.com](http://www.mtu12.com) and register those who will be attending.

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**July 22nd, 2025**

**Autism for School-Based Law Enforcement**

* Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Recognition
* Law Enforcement Response
* Autism Spectrum Disorder Management
* Victims, Witnesses, and Suspects with ASD
* Wandering and Elopement Challenges
* Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) & Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs) for Autistic Students
* School Safety Drills

**LOCATION:** ILEAS Training Center **HOURS:** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

1701 East Main St. **TUITION:** - 0 -

Urbana, IL 61802

**INSTRUCTOR:**

**Bart Barta, Police Commander (Ret.)**

Autism Safety 101, Inc.