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

**TO:** Law Enforcement Administrators

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

**DATE:** December 16, 2024

**RE:** Training Announcement

***Calibre Press – Avoiding Liability in Force Encounters and Search & Seizure Activities*** will be held on **February 24-25th, 2025** at the ILEAS Training Center.

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

* Civil Rights (6.0hrs)
* Constitutional Use of Law Enforcement Authority (2.0hrs)
* Procedural Justice (1.0hr)
* Use of Force – De-Escalation Techniques (4.0hrs)
* Use of Force – Las Concerning Stops, Searches and the Use of Force (2.0hrs)
* Use of Force – Officer Safety Techniques including cover, concealment, and time (1.0hr)

***Course Description:***

**Day 1: Advanced Search & Seizure**

A thorough, easily understood dissection of the laws surrounding a variety of searches and seizures.

**Day 2: Legally Justified; But Was it Avoidable?**

With a goal of avoiding the avoidable we should look backward from the moment force was used and honestly assess whether the officer, through action or lack of action, contributed to its ultimate need.

Throughout the day we will analyze dozens of recent force videos and dissect the behavior and interaction dynamics of both the offenders and officers. Specifically, we will consider if poor or ill-advised tactics, ineffective communication, a lack of personal control and/or a lack of preparedness to handle acute stress led the officer(s) to escalate the event unintentionally and unconsciously.

This course is presented by Calibre Press.

Please register officers via online registration at MTU12.com **by February 10th**.

**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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**Avoiding Liability in Force Encounters and Search & Seizure Activities**

* Detail the 3 Golden Rules of Search & Seizure that better your chances of courtroom success.
* Explore the factors that make a private search immune from Fourth Amendment reasonableness requirements.
* Explain the four “protected areas” shielded by the Fourth Amendment
* Define the concept of “curtilage” and what you can and can’t do in those areas.
* Help you learn to determine whether a search or seizure actually occurred. How do you decide?
* Explore the differences between a trespass search and a reasonable expectation of privacy search and their associated requirements.
* Discuss issues related to abandoned property; was abandonment intentional or inadvertent? Is lost property and/or garbage considered “abandoned”?
* Explain the parameters of warrantless searches.
* Analyzing whether force could have been avoided and the tactics and strategies that would have facilitated force avoidance.
* The impact of stress on officer behavior and decision-making and how it contributes to communication breakdown.
* The importance of “controlling the temperature” of encounters and ensuring that things don’t become unnecessarily pressurized and combative.
* The power—and acceptability—of mid-event disengagement.
* Communication skills that can avoid escalation and facilitate de-escalation and cooperation.

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

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

Urbana, IL 61802

**Presented by:**

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