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

**TO:** Law Enforcement Administrators

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

**DATE:** February 26, 2025

**RE:** Training Announcement

***Force Science – Fundamentals of Realistic De-Escalation*** will be held on **April 14th, 2025** at the ILEAS Training Center.

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

* Use of Force – De-Escalation Techniques (8.0hrs)

***Course Description:***

Fundamentals of Realistic De-Escalation is a one-day course describing the often-challenging expectations placed on law enforcement officers that they gain compliance without using physical force. Oftentimes, not using physical force at all may not be realistic or safe. The legitimate goal of de-escalation tactics is to resolve problems with minimal use of force.

This course presents concepts and methods to support de-escalation efforts when personal connections can be made. Participants will be provided with knowledge to apply in real-world situations. This includes learning ways to address the needs of people in a state of a mental health crisis, or those whose perception of reality is altered. Worst-case scenarios in these types of situations can end with harm to the officer, bystanders or the subject, and scenarios such as suicide by cop further complicate the picture for responding officers.

This course is presented by Force Science.

Please register officers via online registration at MTU12.com **by March 31st**.

**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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**April 14, 2024**

**Force Science – Fundamentals of Realistic De-Escalation**

* Articulate what “de-escalation” actually means, what its objectives are and in what situations they can and cannot consider it.
* Discuss the tactical principles of de-escalation, risk assessment and decision-making.
* Quickly evaluate an interaction to determine whether de-escalation is reasonable to consider, tactically practical and likely to be successful.
* Balance the desirability of trying to resolve a conflict peacefully with the need to maintain officer and public safety.
* Recognize and list common barriers to effective communication that officers often use unintentionally, promoting better practices such as active listening.
* Discuss how professional de-escalation techniques embrace the concepts of “fair and impartial” and “rightful policing” principles.

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

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

Urbana, IL 61802

**Presented by:**

**Force Science**