

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD

Jeff Schelling, Executive Director  
527 Colman Center Drive, Rockford, IL 61108  
779-210-8422  
[www.nitab.org](http://www.nitab.org)

**40 HOUR BASIC FIREARMS  
INSTRUCTOR COURSE**

Date: September 8-12, 2025      **Registration Deadline: August 8, 2025**

Times: 0800-1600 hours

Location: Winnebago Co. Criminal Justice Center  
650 W. State Street  
Rockford, IL  
Basement classroom

Instructor: Jared Smith, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.  
Tim Coomer, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.

Member Fee: \$0      Non-MTU Member & Non-Sworn Fee: \$150

---

### Overview

This course will provide a functional overview of Basic Firearms Instructor. It will consist of Lecture, PowerPoint, Demonstration, Live and Dry Fire. **Length of methods of instruction (estimated) are Lecture/Classroom=8 hours, Practical/Range=25 hours, Teach-backs=7 hours, totaling 40 hours**

### Objective

Within law enforcement, there lies no shortage of instructors, but a shortage of good instructors. The main objective of this class is to build and mentor new firearms instructors, who can then go back to their agencies with knowledge of the subject, effective delivery of the material, and a desire to continue to grow and evolve as instructors. Upon successful completion of this instructor level course, students will be able to return to their agencies with the knowledge and ability to run qualifications, craft lesson plans, teach in service training, and develop drills and scenario-based training for their agency. Class will be a mixture of classroom lectures, range demonstration and instruction, teach backs, and live and dry fire drills to build instructors.

### Materials

Students will need note taking material, Complete Duty Belt with holster and flashlight, Duty handgun with 3 magazines, Duty patrol rifle/shotgun (if issued) 2 rifle magazines, 1000 rounds of pistol training ammunition. 200 rounds of rifle training ammunition, 25 rounds of shotgun (if issued) and a ballistic vest.

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

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5.0 Constitutional & Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Competency   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5.0 Emergency Medical Response | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Updates                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer Wellness and Mental Health                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Procedural Justice                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology of Domestic Violence   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Assault Trauma Informed Response                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10.0 Use of Force              | <input type="checkbox"/> De-Escalation Techniques  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High-Risk Traffic Stops                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Law concerning stops, searches, and use of force                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20.0 Officer Safety Techniques | <input type="checkbox"/> Firearms Restraining Order Act  |

**Specialized Training**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Homicide Investigator                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Resource Officer                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Assault Investigator Training                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine Autoinjector (Epi Pen)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Opioid Antagonist (NARCAN)                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) |

To receive a State Certificate / training credit for the above listed mandates, no more than 10% of the course hours can be missed.

**Scenario-Based Hours:**

5 hours – Emergency Medical Response

10 hours – Use of Force

10 hours – Officer Safety Techniques