

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD

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RED DOT PISTOL INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Date: October 30-31, 2024 **Registration Deadline: September 30, 2025**

Times: 0800-1600 hours

Location: Winnebago County Sheriff's Department
650 West State Street
Rockford, IL

Instructor: Jared Smith- DMEC

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

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

This course and its Points of Instruction (POI's) are intended to teach current firearms instructors the MDRS (Miniature Red Dot Sight) System for pistol mounted optics. POI's will begin with basic operation of a pistol mounted red dot, and the benefits of implementing and authorizing the use of MRDS through department policy. Policy suggestions will be given. The proper way to mount a red dot will be discussed. Finally, live and dry fire drills will be run. These drills will focus on several topics, including a proper and efficient draw stroke to find the dot upon presentation, tracking the dot under recoil, dot specific malfunctions, and the use of the dot and close and extended distance. The class will be run as "shooter/coach" format on the line.

INSTRUCTION METHODS:

Lecture and power point, handouts, dry fire, live fire, Instructors demonstration, written test and live fire qualification.

STUDENT MATERIALS:

- a. RDS Pistol , Duty Belt, 3 magazines
- b. 800 rounds of training ammunition
- c. Eye and Ear Protection
- d. Note taking material. To include a sharpie, to be carried on person
- e. Body Armor

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

Students in this class should have previously attended a basic firearms instructor course. This class is not intended to learn how to teach someone to shoot, but rather how to teach specifically to the RDS systems. At the end of the class, students should have a baseline knowledge of the RDS systems, pros, and cons to be aware of, and typical maintenance. They will have the necessary knowledge to instruct other shooters on the RDS system, as well as the why. Students will also have to pass a written test with a 90% or better score, and a live fire qualification, and again pass with a 90% or better.

Prior to training commencing at the range, a thorough safety, medical, and mindset briefing will be conducted. A primary and secondary medical officer will be established, as well as a primary and secondary communications officer. The location of the IFAK kit will be known to all. Mindset, and what is not acceptable will be delineated. Hot range will be explained, as well as that everyone on the range is a safety officer. The firearms safety rules will be explained below.

There are four types that apply to the safe handling of firearms, on or off the range:

- 1. Always treat every gun as if they are loaded.**
 - Get in the habit of performing a visual and physical of any gun you are handling or transferring/receiving from another.
- 2. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.**
 - A safe direction is determined by your environment. A safe direction can be up, down, out, or down range, all dependent on the environment you find yourself in. For most in-service training and qualifications, a safe direction is down or down range.
- 3. Know your target, what is beyond your target, the transitional space between, and your ability to hit your target.**
- 4. Keep your finger off the trigger, until you have made a conscious decision to fire, and you are on target.**

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

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| ☐ Civil Rights | ☐ Constitutional & Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority |
| ☐ Crisis Intervention | ☐ Cultural Competency |
| ☒ .50 Emergency Medical Response | ☐ Human Rights |
| ☐ Legal Updates | ☐ Officer Wellness and Mental Health |
| ☐ Procedural Justice | ☐ Psychology of Domestic Violence |
| ☐ Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect | ☐ Sexual Assault Trauma Informed Response |
| ☐ Use of Force | ☒ 7.0 De-Escalation Techniques |
| ☐ High-Risk Traffic Stops | ☐ Law concerning stops, searches, and use of force |
| ☒ 5.00 Officer Safety Techniques | ☐ Firearms Restraining Order Act |

Specialized Training

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| ☐ Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT) | ☐ Lead Homicide Investigator |
| ☐ School Resource Officer | ☐ Sexual Assault Investigator Training |
| ☐ Epinephrine Autoinjector (Epi Pen) | ☐ Opioid Antagonist (NARCAN) |
| ☐ Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) | ☐ Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) |
| ☐ Active Threat Response | ☐ Officer & Youth Interaction |
| ☐ Juvenile Law | |

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