

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD

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SCHOOL OF POLICE STAFF AND COMMAND

Date: March 2 – May 22, 2026 **Registration Deadline: February 2, 2026**

Times: 0800-1700 hours – 400 hours

Location: Sauk Valley Community College
173 IL Rt 2
Dixon, IL

Instructor: Northwestern University Center for Public Safety

Member Fee: \$4700.00 Non-Member Fee: \$4700.00

This course has been approved by ILETSB for the following mandates:

Civil Rights – 6.0 hours
Constitutional Use of LE Authority – 6.0 hours
Cultural Competency – 6.0 hours
Human Rights – 6.0 hours
Legal Updates – 15.0 hours
Officer Wellness/mental health- 11.0 hours
Procedural Justice – 65.0 hours

The schedule for this course will be as follows:

Week 1 - March 2-6, 2026
Week 2 - March 9-13, 2026
Week 3 - March 16-20, 2026
Week 4 - March 23-27, 2026
Week 5 - March 30 - April 3, 2026
2 weeks off
Week 6 - April 20-24, 2026
Week 7 - April 27 - May 1, 2026
Week 8 - May 4-8, 2026
Week 9 - May 11-15, 2026
Week 10 - May 18-22, 2026

REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENT ARE ACCEPTED THROUGH THE N.U.C.P.S. WEBSITE. SEATS ARE LIMITED. TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT NUCPS.NORTHWESTERN.EDU/SPSCINFO

MTU2 AGENCIES MUST ALSO REGISTER THROUGH THE [NITAB WEBSITE](#)

Course Details:

The School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) is an intensive 10-week program that prepares law enforcement managers for senior command positions by uniquely combining academic principles with practical applications. SPSC is intended for mid- and upper-level supervisory personnel. Participating students should have at least two years of supervisory experience and be prepared to complete upper-class level (i.e., 3rd / 4th year) university course work. This means that students can:

Write a research paper

Perform arithmetic operations and understand elementary algebraic notation

Read, comprehend, and retain assigned materials based on textbooks, professional journals, trade magazines, and other sources

Schedule time to complete out-of-class reading and writing assignments

To ensure that SPSC students have sufficient time to attend class and complete out-of-class assignments, students should be released from their normal job responsibilities.

Course Curriculum:

- Budgeting
- Contemporary Policing
- Decision Making and Problem Solving
- Employee Relations
- Evaluating Products and Services
- Executive Image
- Grant Writing
- Human Resources
- Leadership and Management
- Media Relations
- Organizational Behavior
- Planning and Policies
- Resource Allocation
- Statistics
- Traffic

Program Outcomes:

Students who successfully complete SPSC are better prepared to:

- Think globally rather than remain task-oriented
- Deliver services effectively and efficiently
- Successfully accomplish projects and tasks with people / teams
- Analyze the environment
- Mitigate legal exposure
- Develop systems of accountability

Research is a key component of SPSC, and all students are required to write an objective, well-documented staff study addressing a problem or issue currently affecting the student's organization. Because the student's research project comes directly from a timely and critical issue facing that student's agency, the knowledge gained can be put to use immediately.

SPSC is not appropriate for entry-level officers, deputies or troopers. Personnel who have recently been appointed to their first supervisory position should attend NUCPS's [Supervision of Police Personnel](#) on-ground or online.

NUCPS utilizes the Honorlock examination proctoring tool. Each student must have Google Chrome and the Honorlock Chrome Extension installed on their computer prior to the first day of the class. Instructions for the quick install process can be found at: <https://honorlock.kb.help/install-the-honorlock-extension>