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40-HOUR PATROL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Date: May 11-14,2026 Registration Deadline: April 11, 2026

Time: 0800-1800 hours (4- 10-hour days)

Location: Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center
650 West State Street
Rockford, IL

Instructor: Jared Smith, Tim Coomer, Matt Jarvis

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

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

Procedural Justice – 3.0
De-escalation Techniques – 16.5/ scenario-based hours – 14.0
Officer Safety techniques, including cover, concealment, and time – 11.50/scenario-based hours – 9.0

Class Objectives:

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, specific to the AR15/Patrol Rifle platform, 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, all based on the AR15 platform. Class will be a mixture of classroom lecture, range demonstration and instruction, teach backs, and live and dry fire drills to build instructors.

Student Assignments:

Active participation, successful passing of live fire qualification, written test, and all teach backs.

Student Gear and Materials:

Students are required to bring the following to class each day:

- A. Complete Duty Belt with holster and flashlight
- B. Duty Handgun with 3 magazines (weapon light if authorized)
- C. Duty Patrol Rifle and minimum of 3 rifle magazines
- D. Note taking material

- E. 700 rounds of rifle training ammunition, 100 rounds of pistol training ammunition> NO GREEN TIP AMMUNITION
- F. Ballistic Vest

Safe weapon handling must be a constant priority to every firearms instructor. A momentary lapse of safety can result in the needless death or serious bodily injury of someone on the range. Your co-workers, friends, family, and the public are put at risk if you do not maintain safety awareness. Whether on or off duty, in the home, the office or even in a high stress environment, we cannot afford to allow complacency or mental preoccupation to lead to the unintentional discharge of a firearm.

There are four rules 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 press the trigger and shoot at what you are aiming at.

Class Daily Syllabus

Day 1:

0800-0900: Orientation and paperwork

0900-1200: First qualification and combat zeroing procedures

1300-1600: Nomenclature, rifle setup and configurations, fundamental drills

1600-1800: Reloads and malfunction drills, Transition to pistol drills

Day 2:

Assignment of Teach Back topics

0800-1000: Field strip, cleaning, and lubrication procedures

1000-1100: Fundamentals refresher from Day 1
1100-1200: Combat Shooting and Amplified Fundamentals
1300-1800: Accelerated Combat Shooting, Target transitions

Day 3:

0800-1200: Movement and Positional Shooting
1300-1800: Cover and Concealment. Cover course

Day 4:

0800-1000: Written test and Final qualification
1000-1200: Teach backs
1300-1700: Teach backs
1700-1800: Evals, paperwork, and admin task