

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD

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**ILETSB - 40 - HOUR FIREARMS
INSTRUCTOR COURSE**

Date: May 11-15, 2026

Registration Deadline: April 11, 2026

Times: 0800-1600 hours

Location: Dixon Police Department
220 S Hennepin Avenue
Dixon, Il.

Instructor: Howard Melchi .

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

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

Constitutional Use of LE Authority – 5.0
Emergency medical response training and certification – 5.0
De-escalation – 10.0/Scenario Based Hours – 10.0
**Officer safety techniques, including cover, concealment and time – 20.0/Scenario Based
Hours – 10.0**

Course Content:

Through lecture, demonstration and practical exercises, the Firearms instructor will have the knowledge and ability to do the following:

Be well-versed in the use of “Deadly Force”
Instruct basic marksmanship skills
Instruct firearms safety
Operate a range safely
Instruct gun handling skills
Maintain firearms training records
Conduct firearms training / qualification for all officers

Topics will include:

Nomenclature & weapons maintenance
Basic gun handling skills
Modern technique: Grip-Stance-Sight alignment
Malfunction drills, Tac load, Shot analysis
Use of Force
Shoot positions
Low light shooting techniques
Combat shooting & moving, speed drills
Rifle familiarization
Instructor development

The student will be expected to pass a written examination (70%), present a block of instruction to fellow students, and shoot a qualification score of 80% or better on the (50) rd. State of Illinois course of fire. The proposed Instructor must be able to effectively teach/present an assigned topic during this class.

Students will need the following equipment:

- Complete Duty Belt with holster
- Flashlight
- Duty handgun with 3 magazines
- Duty patrol rifle/shotgun (if issued) 2 rifle magazines
- 500 rounds of pistol training ammunition
- 20 rounds of rifle training ammunition
- Ballistic vest
- Eye/Ear protection