

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD

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**SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONES) IN LAW
ENFORCEMENT**

Date: June 8-11, 2026 **Registration Deadline: May 8, 2026**
Times: 0800-1600 hours
Location: Sycamore Police Department
535 Dekalb Avenue
Sycamore, IL
Instructor: Chris Edwards
Member Fee: \$0 Non-Member & Member Non-Sworn Fee: \$150

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

Civil Rights – 1.0
Constitutional Use of LE Authority – 4.0
Legal Updates – 1.0
Procedural Justice – 1.0
Officer Safety techniques, including cover, concealment, and time – 1.0/Scenario Based
Hours – 1.0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This training will introduce officers to the use of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), commonly called "drones", for both evidence collection and search operations. The course will cover all aspects of UAS operations, including preparations for the mandatory FAA Part 107 licensing. It will include information on the necessary waiver to fly in populated areas and night operation of drones. Hands-on experience with full-sized drones will give officers the confidence and ability to operate in a safe manner. Evidence collections in both photo and video format will be addressed, as well as the legal aspects of how to handle and store this information, as it differs from standard photo/video evidence collection rules.