

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD

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**ILETSB- FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR
COURSE – 40-HOURS**

Date: September 14-18, 2026 **Registration Deadline: August 14, 2026**

Times: 0800-1600 hours

Location: Winnebago Co. Criminal Justice Center
650 W. State Street
Rockford, IL
Basement classroom

Instructor: Jared Smith, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.
Tim Coomer, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.

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 – 5.0
De-escalation techniques – 10.0/scenario-based hours 10.0
Officer Safety techniques, including cover, concealment, and time – 20.0/scenario-based hours 10.0

Overview

This course will provide a functional overview of Basic Firearms Instructor. It will consist of Lecture, PowerPoint, Demonstration, Live and Dry Fire. **Length of methods of instruction (estimated) are Lecture/Classroom=8 hours, Practical/Range=25 hours, Teach-backs=7 hours, totaling 40 hours**

Objective

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, 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. Class will be a mixture of classroom lectures, range

demonstration and instruction, teach backs, and live and dry fire drills to build instructors.

Materials

Students will need note taking material, Complete Duty Belt with holster and flashlight, Duty handgun with 3 magazines, Duty patrol rifle/shotgun (if issued) 2 rifle magazines, 1000 rounds of pistol training ammunition. 200 rounds of rifle training ammunition, 25 rounds of shotgun (if issued) and a ballistic vest.

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