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~~FULL LE Defensive Driving for Sedans, SUV's & Pick-up Trucks~~

~~Autobahn Country Club of Joliet
3795 Centerpoint Way, Joliet, IL 60436
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
8:00 am till 5:00 pm~~

This course complies with the guidelines of the following mandate(s):

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| • Civil Rights | 0.5 Hour |
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| • Officer safety techniques, including cover, concealment, and time | 2.0 Hours (2.0 Hours Scenario-Based) |

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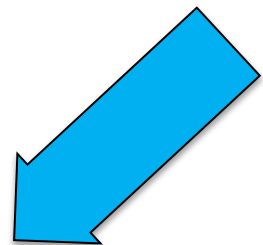
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- Skid control recovery

❖ *To facilitate this one-day program, breakfast and lunch are provided on site.*

Requirements:



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Member Tuition: None

Non-Member Tuition: None

(members receive priority)

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~~FULL LE Defensive Driving for Sedans, SUV's & Pick-up Trucks~~

~~Autobahn Country Club of Joliet
3795 Centerpoint Way, Joliet, IL 60436
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
8:00 am till 5:00 pm~~

This course complies with the guidelines of the following mandate(s):

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| • Const. Use of LE Authority | 0.5 Hour |
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- In order to maximize training, class size is limited to 12 officers.
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Member Tuition: None

Non-Member Tuition: None

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Interviewing Children

Frankfort Police Department

20602 Lincoln-Way Ln., Frankfort, IL. 60423

Thursday, September 11, 2025

8:00 am till 4:00 pm

This course complies with the guidelines of the following mandate(s):

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| • Civil Rights | 0.5 Hour |
| • Const. Use of LE Authority | 0.5 Hour |
| • Crisis Intervention | 0.5 Hour |
| • Human Rights | 0.5 Hour |
| • Procedural Justice | 3.0 Hours |
| • Lead Homicide Investigator | 8.0 Hours |
| • Officer & Youth Interaction | 8.0 Hours |

Course Description: This course has been designed to provide officers, investigators, school resource officers, and/or juvenile officers with additional methods and information for interviewing children in criminal investigations. This highly interactive course will provide a framework for interviewing children who are victims or witnesses to crimes. Our instructor conducts over 125 forensic interviews of children per year. Emphasis will be placed on practical exercises conducted throughout the course. This course will utilize case vignettes for practical applications.

Topics Discussed:

- Interview settings for children
- Child development and cognitive abilities – What should your expectations be for different age groups
- Cognitive evaluation
- Types of questions - from open-ended to leading
- Interviewing aides
- Stages of a child interview
- Establishing timelines with children
- Blocks to interviewing children – Disabilities and Mental Health issues

While issues of domestic violence to children and sexual assault of children will be discussed, it is the intent of this course to teach students to utilize these interview techniques in additional situations.

Instructor: Danielle Butts is the Founder and Executive Director of All Our Children's Advocacy Center. She has been a Forensic Interviewer for 20 years and conducted over 4,000 interviews. Danielle is a member of the Cook County Child Abuse Advisory Board and the Children's Advocacy Center of Illinois Legislative Committee. She has been a law enforcement instructor for over 15 years and currently teaches; Interviewing Children, Juvenile Investigations, Sexual Assault and SRO.

Member Tuition: None

Non-Member Tuition: None

(members have priority in registration)

**This course is grant funded by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board / SRO Grant.*

Basic Marine Law Enforcement Officer Training

Presented by Maritime Responder Training Services, LLC

Will County Sheriff's Department

16911 W. Laraway Rd., Joliet, IL. 60433

Tuesday-Thursday; September 16-18, 2025

8:00 am till 4:00 pm



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This course complies with the guidelines of the following mandate(s):

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| • Const. Use of LE Authority | 2.0 Hours |
| • Emergency medical response training and certification | 4.0 Hours (2 Hours Scenario-Based) |
| • Officer safety techniques, including cover, concealment, and time | 6.0 Hours (6 Hours Scenario-Based) |
| • Specialized: | |
| o Lead Homicide investigator | 24.0 Hours (6 Hours Scenario Based) |

Priority registration will be given to members who have marine rescue watercraft. Therefore, registrants should indicate such while registering.

Course Description:

This course is structured to give Law Enforcement Officers the knowledge and skills necessary to operate in the maritime environment to include enforcement, search, rescue, and recovery. This course consists of both classroom and scenario-based training on the water.

Topics Discussed:

The objective of this course is to give Law Enforcement Officers the knowledge and skills necessary to enforce all maritime state laws as well as local and county ordinances and to promote safe boating to include: responding to calls for assistance in the maritime environment, responding to boating accidents, search/rescue/recovery operations and sonar operations for death investigations/body recovery.

What to bring:

Students should bring any department issued water rescue equipment available, i.e., PFD, throw bags, rescue lines, rescue watercraft etc. If you do not have any equipment, we will provide everything you need for the water portion of the training.

Instructor: Mike Johnson of Maritime Responder Training Services, LLC.

Member Tuition: None

Non-Member Tuition: None

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~~FULL LE Defensive Driving for Sedans, SUV's & Pick-up Trucks~~

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3795 Centerpoint Way, Joliet, IL 60436
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
8:00 am till 5:00 pm~~

This course complies with the guidelines of the following mandate(s):

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| • Civil Rights | 0.5 Hour |
| • Const. Use of LE Authority | 0.5 Hour |
| • Officer safety techniques, including cover, concealment, and time | 2.0 Hours (2.0 Hours Scenario-Based) |

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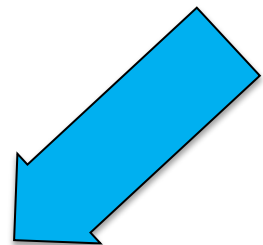
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These drills will cover:

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- Emergency lane change techniques
- Vehicle dynamics training
- Skid control recovery

❖ *To facilitate this one-day program, breakfast and lunch are provided on site.*

Requirements:



➤ **At least one department squad car, SUV, or Pick-up truck is required for every two officers (from the same department) and will be used in the training.**

- In order to maximize training, class size is limited to 12 officers.
- Officers are required to check-in at the front security/information gate house.

Member Tuition: None

Non-Member Tuition: None

(members receive priority)

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Adaptive Decision Making for Law Enforcement

New Lenox Police Department

200 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL. 60451

Friday, September 19, 2025

8:00 am till 4:00 pm

This course complies with the guidelines of the following mandate(s):

- Civil Rights 1.0 Hour
- Const. Use of LE Authority 1.0 Hour
- Procedural Justice 1.0 Hour
- Use of Force 1.0 Hour

Course Description: The law enforcement environment can often be described as one that is a non-linear, open loop system, that happens at light speed. One where time can be either friend or foe. Operating in this environment creates stress which affects decision-making. Within this time-compressed environment officers often feel they need to act because they are there, rather than allowing the circumstances of the call to determine the urgency to act. The question is how to provide a strategy for officers to effectively control the stress response and to make lawful and ethical decisions. The answer is two-fold; 1) Emotional Intelligence and 2) The Adaptive Decision-Making Model.

The Adaptive Decision-Making Model addresses lawful and ethical decision-making. The model's foundation is the 4th Amendment Search and Seizure law. It asks, "Does the officer have the lawful authority to act or search or arrest?" Then examines the urgency to take an action, or what threshold of "government intrusion" will be acceptable to accomplish the law objective? This engaging workshop provides the attendees with strategies to increase their emotional intelligence competencies and develop their critical thinking and decision-making skills.

Course topics include:

- The 5 Pillars of Emotional Intelligence
- The Law Enforcement Environment
- Decision-making and Thinking Mental Models
- The Adaptive Decision-Making Model

NOTE: Participants must bring a laptop computer or tablet capable of connecting to the Internet. The participant's e-device must have a PDF reader (Adobe Reader Recommended). All course materials are provided through Google Drive. If you have any I/T questions, please contact the instructor at (847) 644-6437

Instructor: Thomas Dworak is a retired Sergeant (31 years) from a suburban Chicago police department where he was the Field Training and Evaluation Program Coordinator and the Lead Defensive Tactics/Use of Force Instructor. Thom facilitates training throughout the country in Field Training, Instructor Development, Leadership, Use of Force, Defensive Tactics and is a core instructor for Below 100. He holds the position of adjunct faculty at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of Du Page providing instruction to recruits in defensive tactics and scenario-based training. Thom is a court recognized expert in police practices and use of force. He is a member of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA), an annual ILEETA conference presenter and the Instructor Development Section Editor for the ILEETA Journal. Follow Thom on Twitter @dworakt

Member Tuition: None

Non-Member Tuition: None

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Exploring the Sexual & Violent Offender

Plainfield Fire Protection District Headquarters

23748 W. 135th St., Plainfield, IL. 60544

Monday-Tuesday; September 22-23, 2025

8:00 am till 4:00 pm



NEW

This course complies with the guidelines of the following mandate(s):

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| • Civil Rights | 0.5 Hour |
| • Const. Use of LE Authority | 1.0 Hour |
| • Crisis Intervention | 1.0 Hour |
| • Human Rights | 2.0 Hours |
| • Procedural Justice | 9.5 Hours |
| • Specialized: | |
| ○ Lead Homicide Investigator | 16.0 Hours |

Course Description: This 16-hour course is designed to increase the officer's knowledge of sexual predators, violent predators & psychopaths. The information presented will increase investigation, interview and interrogation skills. Students will receive in-depth instruction on the investigation and understanding of sexual predators, violent offenders, psychopaths, as well as crime victims' response. The training will provide students with the skills and knowledge to effectively interview victims and perpetrators of sexual and violent crimes.

Goals include:

- Identifying & understanding the characteristics and typologies of the sexual offender and violent offender and identify forensic and clinical concerns, personality, offender strategies, grooming strategies.
- Understanding the role alcohol plays in sexual offenses & violent offenses.
- Understanding the role that pornography plays in reinforcing sexual offense behavior.
- Understanding the psychopathic abuser & psychopathic sexual offender.
- Understanding how to investigate, interrogate, and assess the sexual offender and violent offender and how to gather pertinent and invaluable information.
- Understand strategies to effectively interview sex offenders, including juvenile and adult male and female offenders, victims, and psychopaths.
- Learning to detect truth from deception via clinical interview & interrogation & how to effectively interview/interrogate the sexual offender & violent offender.
- Identifying and understanding the profiling strategies necessary to develop a useful and effective profile of a violent offender.

Instructor: **Scott A. Johnson, MA, LP**, has a Master's Degree in Counseling & Psychological Services from St. Mary's College. He is a Licensed Psychologist (Minnesota). He has over 33 years-experience addressing sexual predators as a forensic psychologist, author, educator, and police trainer. He trains and consults with law enforcement and U.S. Probation nationwide addressing sexual predators and violent offenders. He was involved in the civil commitment of sexual predators for the state of Minnesota for several years. He has taught at numerous colleges and universities. He is the author of several book chapters, booklets, research, numerous journal articles and other professional materials. Mr. Johnson is a forensic psychologist. He is a regular guest on Nancy Grace.

Member Tuition: None

Non-Member Tuition: None

(Members receive priority in registration)

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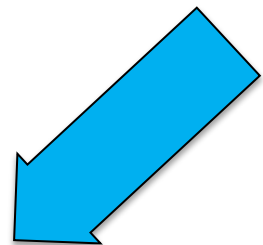
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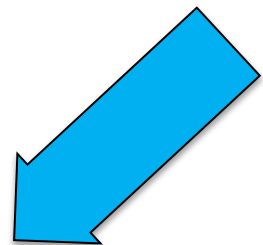
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