



Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Training			Class ID#	Course ID#					
Introduction to Red Dot Sights (Pistol)			200981	39922					
Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location						
September 8, 2026	8:30 – 4:30	8	Southeastern Illinois College 3575 College Rd Harrisburg, IL 62946						
Course Description									
This class is intended to familiarize students with the Miniaturized Red Dot pistol (MRDS) platform. Red Dot methodology will be discussed as well as gear and gun considerations. Specific drills are introduced to make the student more familiar and confident with a new sight system. The three major focal points will be: finding the dot on presentation, tracking the dot under recoil, and addressing dot specific malfunctions. How to zero your gun will be shown and explained. Low light shooting will also be addressed (range permitting) as it relates to RDS pistols. Officers will shoot several courses of fire and drills, including decision-making drills. Firearms Instructors will benefit from this class, as they will begin to see more and more of these guns showing up in classes. Instructors having a baseline understanding of the system will benefit their students. Students will shoot the State 30 round in-service qualification course.									
Course Objectives									
• Understand MRDS nomenclature. • Understand maintenance of MRDS system. • Find the dot / Track the dot. • Understand zero and holdover of MRDS.		• Understand setting up an MRDS pistol. • Differentiate between red dot & iron sights. • Understand MRDS malfunctions and fixes. • Successfully pass the qualification exam.							
Instructor									
MTU 15 Police Training Specialist, Justin Spencer, has over 23 years of law enforcement experience. Justin has served both as a training officer and supervisor within his department. Justin is a certified instructor in: Police Firearms, Patrol Rifle, Red Dot Pistol, Taser, Integrated Force Options Control Tactics, Stop the Bleed, MILO Range Simulator, and Use of Force. Justin has been certified as an Illinois Active Threat Master Instructor.									
Required Equipment									
• 350 rounds of factory ammunition • Eye and ear protection • Full duty belt • Permanent marker • Sight adjustment tool for your optic. • Duty handgun (3 magazines) with MRDS optic <i>Must be of a design that allows for co-witnessing with the mechanical (“iron”) sights on the handgun.</i>									
Mandates Met by This Training									
This course is approved by ILETSB for the following mandates: <i>De-Escalation Techniques; Law Concerning Stops, Searches, and the Use of Force; Officer Safety Techniques Including Cover, Concealment, and Time</i>									
<i>This class is partially funded and certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board</i>									