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HOW TO ELIMINATE SOCIAL MEDIA MISTAKES ON/OFF DUTY (2-Hour Online Course)

DON'T LOSE YOUR PERSONAL ASSETS

DATES: MARCH 1-15, 2024 (COMMENCE ONLINE TRAINING AT YOUR CONVENIENCE)

INSTRUCTOR: MARK FIEDELHOLTZ, ESQ., SOCIAL MEDIA LAW ATTORNEY

LAW ENFORCEMENT SOCIAL MEDIA LIABILITY TRAINING ALERT:

Federal social media training laws expose law enforcement officers and decision-makers to financially devastating libel and civil rights lawsuits. Policies alone do not protect you. Public trust and recruitment are damaged.

MANDATES: CIVIL RIGHTS (30 MINS); PROCEDURAL JUSTICE (30 MINS); CULTURAL COMPETENCY (30 MINS);

LEGAL UPDATES (30 MINS)

Course Description: Officers will be introduced to a powerful "Red Flag System" that filters out harmful social media content formulated on and off-duty. Officers should walk away with new skills to differentiate between protected and unprotected First Amendment speech and a clear understanding of their true scope of social media privacy, especially regarding off-duty speech on personal devices.

Online Modules Include:

- ❖ **MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION – Core elements of social media liability**
- ❖ **MODULE 2: BIGGEST MYTHS – Address federal and state cases that re-classify social media as a weapon**
- ❖ **MODULE 3: SOCIAL MEDIA LIBEL – Discuss the complex area of social media defamation**
- ❖ **MODULE 4: SOCIAL MEDIA FIRST AMENDMENT ISSUES – Address specific posts and tweets not covered by the First Amendment and trigger implicit bias, viewpoint discrimination and other discriminatory content**
- ❖ **MODULE 5: SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY INVASION – complete a survey of the current and emerging issues on social media privacy both at work and on private networks**
- ❖ **MODULE 6: COPYRIGHT LAWS YOU NEED TO KNOW – focus on core copyright issues to know to avoid infringement claims**
- ❖ **MODULE 7: COURSE REVIEW**



****IMPORTANT****

****REGISTER NOW!! ALL REGISTRANTS WILL BE PROVIDED A PORTAL LINK ON MARCH 1, 2024 TO COMPLETE THIS ONLINE TRAINING. PLEASE SET UP YOUR OWN ACCOUNT WITH USERNAME AND PASSWORD AS YOU WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE AT THE END OF THIS ONLINE TRAINING. REGISTRANTS HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT ON MARCH 15 TO COMPLETE THE COURSE OF TRAINING. REGISTRANTS WILL ALSO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM THE MTU.**

Non-Member Tuition: **\$0.00**** Non-member tuition shall apply to State/Federal agencies and Local Law Enforcement agencies which are not a member of MTU #9. Tuition will be invoiced to departments upon course completion. If a pre-registered student from a non-member agency fails to attend training, and the agency fails to provide advance notice within 7 days of the start date of that class, the agency will be invoiced the entire amount of the student's tuition. [See Tuition Policy Here](#)

No Shows/Cancellation Policy: West Central IL Criminal Justice Council-MTU #9 has instituted a No Show/Cancellation fee of \$50.00 to be invoiced to member/non-member agencies who do not provide sufficient notice of cancellations seven (7) days before start of class. This Fee will be invoiced within in a week of an officer's absence from a training course in which he/she was registered. If an agency is unable to provide advance notice of its intent to cancel course registration because of circumstances beyond its control, the Director will have the discretion to waive this payment. Any requests to waive No Shows/Cancellation Fee must be made to the Director in writing. (View Full Policy [HERE](#))

TO REGISTER: Follow this link to Register: <https://mtu9.org/page/3/register-now> If you experience problems or issues with registration, please email register@mtu9.org. All registrations must go through your Sheriff, Chief, or Training Officer.

THIS COURSE IS CERTIFIED AND APPROVED THROUGH THE ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD.