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## 2 Day (MDT) Investigations of Child Physical Abuse and Death

**DATE:** April 3 & 4, 2025

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Jacksonville Regional Training Facility  
940 Hoagland Road, Jacksonville, IL

**INSTRUCTOR:** Detective Jennifer Hillgoth  
Auroa Police Department

Meets IL Mandates: Human Rights 2 hrs., Legal Updates .50 hr., Procedural Justice .50 hr., Psychology of Domestic Violence .50 hr., Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect 9 hrs., Lead Homicide Investigator 16 hrs.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course goes more in depth than the offered 8-hour course, with added discussion and exercises. It is designed to provide law enforcement officers with a comprehensive overview on various crimes against children involving child abuse. Each topic will be discussed in a way that professionals working child abuse can recognize and distinguish various offenses involving children, appreciate their unique characteristics, dispel common myths and outdated practices, discern how injuries may or may not present, understand the complexities involved and learn how to overcome the challenges these cases present. This session will also provide guidance with responses to these specific calls while acknowledging the unique characteristics and discuss how to work with an MDT for the best outcome. The importance of an adequate investigation will be highlighted on cases where victims are unable to tell their story. The focus will include real case scenarios of incident investigation, suspect interviews, child interviews, non-offending caretaker/witness interviews, crime scene evaluation and creation of timelines. The most common forms of physical abuse will be discussed, which will include bruises, burns, fractures and abusive head trauma as well as child death investigations.

### Non-Member Tuition:

**\$0.00.** Non-member tuition shall apply to State/Federal agencies and Local Law Enforcement agencies which are not members 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 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 Show/Cancellation Fee must be made to the Director in writing. (View Full Policy [HERE](#))

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