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## **DUI Investigation & Prosecution: Protecting the Arrest and Winning the Case**

**DATE:** January 14, 2026

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

**LOCATION:** John Wood Community College  
Room D022/D023

1301 S. 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Quincy, IL

**INSTRUCTOR:** Jennifer Cifaldi – Illinois Traffic Safety  
Resource Prosecutor

**Meets IL Mandates: Civil Rights (1 hr.),  
Constitutional Use of LE Authority (1.5 hr.),  
Legal Updates (2.5 hrs.), Procedural Justice  
(1 hr.)**

**NO PREREQUISITE – ARIDE TRAINING IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND**  
**BRING LAPTOPS**

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### **PURPOSE OF COURSE**

This 7-hour course was created by Jennifer Cifaldi, the Illinois Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor. This program was developed to provide prosecutors and officers with the knowledge and skills to successfully investigate, prepare and prove their impaired driving cases in the courtroom and remove these dangerous drivers from our Illinois roadways. Additionally, they will be provided with a case law update to help them navigate their way through DUI courts.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This program will provide attendees with tools on how to investigate and evaluate their DUI cases from start to finish. They will be instructed on how to identify indicators of impairment. They will also review the basic fundamentals of Field Sobriety Tests. They will know how to charge the appropriate DUI section based on the circumstances of the arrest. They will also learn how to secure blood draws from the hospital and to successfully use them in their cases. They will be taught courtroom techniques and learn how to combat common DUI defenses. They will walk away from this course with the confidence needed in their DUI cases so as not to feel compelled to negotiate the case to a lesser offense. Attendees will have a better understanding of the Illinois Implied Consent Warnings that officers use and will be able to assist the officer on the witness stand in persuading the judge/jury what drug impairment looks like on a DUI case. Additionally, they will be well-versed in the relevant case law.

This class consists of classroom instruction and the facilitation of discussion amongst participants. Additionally, participants will be provided with current case law relevant to DUI prosecutions.

## **COURSE GOALS**

By the end of this course, students will be able to do the following:

- Understand the seven subsections of the DUI statute (misdemeanor charges)
- Have basic knowledge of the five most commonly used Warnings to Motorist
- Know the basics of Field Sobriety Testing
- Assist the officer in articulation of alcohol/drug impairment in the courtroom
- Know how to use hospital blood results in the DUI case
- Successfully defeat common DUI defenses
- Cite the relevant case law

## **METHODS OF INSTRUCTION**

This course is conducted using the following methods of instruction:

- In-class review of student handout materials
- In-class lecture with the assistance of PowerPoint
- In-class general discussion

**No Shows/Cancellation Policy:** West Central 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 the individual 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 submitted to the Director in writing. (View Full Policy [HERE](#))

**Cancellation:** If a class must be canceled for any reason, every effort will be made to do so at least two (2) weeks before the class is scheduled to begin. However, there are circumstances where last minute cancellation is out of our control. All officers who have been registered for training will be contacted at the email address given at registration, so please be sure to provide an email address which is checked often.

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**This Course is certified and approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board**