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AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER FOR POLICE

DATE: February 10, 2026

TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Jacksonville Regional Training Facility

940 Hoagland ROAD, Jacksonville, IL

INSTRUCTOR: Gail Sullivan - MA

Meets IL Mandates: Officer Wellness/Mental Health 1 hr.

This course is pending ILETSB approval and might be approved for the above mandate

PURPOSE OF COURSE:

This course has been designed for the purpose of addressing the issue of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) as it specifically relates to people who are on the autism spectrum when they interact with law enforcement. It is designed to provide information and understanding to officers as they serve people with ASD and who display signs and symptoms of this disorder. The training will focus on helping officers identify individuals with autism spectrum disorders, understand their communication styles, and develop appropriate response techniques.

COURSE DESCRIPTION.

Citizens who display signs and symptoms of ASD present a unique challenge to the criminal justice system because of their presenting issues such as limited social communication, behavioral difficulties, and environmental sensory sensitivities. This course will provide officers with an understanding of ASD. Including signs and symptoms, the wide range of ASD challenges while interacting with police. We will review appropriate responses to people with ASD, measures for reducing misunderstandings, symptom reduction techniques, and de-escalation approaches of citizens with ASD and recommendations for an increase in officer sensitivity and knowledge. The goal is to improve between law enforcement and people with autism, leading to safer and more effective outcomes.

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 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.

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