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FUNDAMENTALS OF REALISTIC DE-ESCALATION

Meets IL Mandates: Crisis Intervention (.50 hr.), De-escalation Techniques (7 hrs./1 hr. scenario-based training)

DATE: April 15, 2026

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: John Wood Community College
Southeast Education Center - Community Room
39637 260th Avenue, Pittsfield, IL

INSTRUCTOR: Nicole Florisi
Force Science Institute

Non-Member Tuition: \$0.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND LESSON PURPOSE:

Law Enforcement agencies have come under intense pressure in recent years to prioritize their efforts at "de-escalation." We will discuss the often-challenging expectations of law enforcement professionals to gain compliance without using physical force and how oftentimes, this may not be realistic or safe. The legitimate goal of de-escalation tactics is to resolve problems with minimal harm. This distinction is critical.

The course will present law enforcement concepts and methods to support de-escalation efforts. Attendees will be provided with knowledge to apply core skills of incident stabilization, tactics and decision-making and verbal and non-verbal skills to establish contact, build rapport and create influence with difficult subjects.

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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