



# AVOIDING PREVENTABLE USE OF FORCE

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**Hosted by: West Central IL Criminal Justice Council, MTU 9**

**Located at: Carlinville Police Department - Community Room**  
225 N. Broad Street  
Carlinville, IL 62626  
**May 8, 2026 • 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

During this 8-hour ILETSB-certified free course, highly experienced national trainer, Lt. Jim Glennon (ret.), will dissect real-world force encounters, recorded on body cameras, with the goal of identifying what, if anything, could have been done to reduce or avoid the need to use force.

He will explore an array of important topics including acute stress and its impact on officer decision-making and performance; high-tension interaction strategies designed to depressurize subjects in crisis; legal, ethical and tactical considerations regarding use of force; effective tactical communication; myths and realities of de-escalation; responsibilities of command staff and trainers to thoroughly prepare officers to apply a force-avoidance skillset to forestall the need for force when possible, and more.

This course is designed to realistically take into account human factors limitations that impact officers' mental and physical performance in high-stress, time-compressed circumstances. Course Topics Include: Human Performance Science & the Impact of Stress introduced, Procedural Justice, Objectivity and Bias free Decision Making, De escalation & Intervention Strategies and Legal Requirements, The Graham Standard & Training vs. Legal Focus

Illinois mandates covered in this training include:

- o Legal Updates: 1.50 hours
- o Crisis Intervention .50 hours
- o Procedural Justice: 3 hours
- o De-escalation Techniques: 1.50 hours
- o Officer Safety Techniques: 1 hour

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**This is free training!**

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