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HOW TO AVOID PERSONAL LIABILITY UNDER THE NEW SOCIAL MEDIA SPEECH AND POLICY LAWS

DATE: October 27-28, 2026

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

LOCATION: West Central IL Criminal Justice Council
303 W. Exchange Street, Jerseyville, IL 62052

INSTRUCTOR: Attorney Mark Fiedelholz

Non-Member Tuition: **\$200.00**

**Meets IL Mandates: Civil Rights (3 hrs.);
Constitutional & Proper Use of LE
Authority (2 hrs.); Cultural Competency (2
hrs.); Legal Updates (5 hrs.); Procedural
Justice (4 hrs.)**

ABOUT THE COURSE:

This is a two-day comprehensive course (8 hours each) on how to navigate the new U.S. Supreme Court, lower courts, EEOC, and FCC new social media speech and policy laws.

The first day focuses on expert "Red Flag Strategies" to mitigate risk of posting illegal or harmful social media content on/off duty via personal or work issued devices.

The second day of this course, attendees will learn how the new U.S. Supreme Court and lower courts' social media decision impact the intent and execution of your social media policy. You learn why it is essential that you reframe your social media policy as a "high risk" broadcasting agreement with your employees and other third parties.

Non-Member Tuition: **\$200.00**** 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 https:// ALL registrations must go through your Sheriff, Chief, or Training Officer.

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