

# Illinois Active Threat Master Instructor Certification Program



This first in the nation cooperative training and instructor certification process provides the knowledge, specialized skill sets, and associated instructor materials for graduates to develop, implement, and entire ILETSB State Certified Active Threat Response Training Curriculum.

By providing all first responders in Illinois with commonality of training, tactics, techniques, verbiage and capabilities, the program will greatly enhance an officer's ability to immediately respond and work cohesively during violent active threat criminal events.

Graduates of this 4-week program will earn Master Instructor Certification in:

Active Threat / Immediate Action	Urban Tactics / MACTAC
Solo Officer Response	Rescue Task Force
Patrol CQB / Building Searching	High Risk Traffic Stops
Scenario Based Training & Safety Officer	Use of Force

Cost: The Tuition / Lodging / Many Meals / Instructors / Range / Course Material / Marking Rounds / Training Equipment will be provided by funding from ILETSB and managed by the Executive Institute. Travel, live ammunition and some meals will be the responsibility of each student / department.

Recognizing the potential significance of a full 4-week training commitment, students will attend one week of training, followed by multiple weeks of regular duty at their home agency before returning for subsequent weeks of training. Hopefully this schedule will accommodate the variety of staffing requirements for each attendee's home agency.

## Dates & Location:

August 3-7, 2026:	Gurnee / Marengo / Lake Villa - Illinois
August 31 – Sept. 4, 2026:	Lake Villa & Elgin - Illinois
Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2026:	Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, Indiana
October 26-30, 2026:	T1G Crawfordsville, Arkansas

Those interested in attending are required to submit a resume, curriculum vitae and copies of all relevant certificates as detailed in the “Course Information and Student Prerequisite” information detailed below.

Please submit your application packet to Derek Carle at the ILESTB Executive Institute:

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### **Illinois Active Threat Master Instructor Certification Program**

The Illinois Active Threat Master Instructor Certification Program is based on the fact that an effective police response to unexpected, on-going violent active threat situations is enhanced and more effective when first responders have commonalities of training, tactics, techniques, verbiage and capabilities. The skill sets obtained through this training initiative will assist officers not only when confronted with violent criminal events but will also enhance their ability to manage daily crisis situations and safeguard their communities from the armed criminals that our officers face on the street regularly.

The focus of this program will be to provide a core group of Master Instructors with knowledge, specialized tactical skill sets, and associated instructor materials to develop, implement, and teach a comprehensive Active Threat Curriculum in their respective areas.

Recognizing the need for this coordinated state-wide training initiative, the adaptation of a comprehensive, state-wide active threat response protocol has been endorsed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB); the Illinois State Police (ISP); the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) and the Illinois Tactical Officers Association (ITOA).

This first of its kind comprehensive, state-wide training program will significantly enhance the ability of all officers, from all agencies, to work cohesively when thrust into these on-going, life-threatening situations. By providing all first responders in Illinois with commonality of training, tactics, techniques, verbiage and capabilities, the program will greatly enhance our officer's ability to mitigate these violent events and to save as many lives as possible, as quickly as possible during these dynamic situations.

## **Pre-Requisites: Active Threat Master Instructor Certification**

Recognizing that the Active Threat Master Instructors will be the subject matter experts in their area, the prerequisite standards for admission into this program must reflect the significance of the position. The individuals selected for this program should be well established instructors with a broad spectrum of instructor experience, reflecting the importance of this position. Candidates for the Illinois Active Threat Master Instructor position will be required to submit a personal profile packet, highlighting their instructor experiences. The packet shall include a resume, curriculum vitae and copies of all relevant certificates.

The **required** qualities, certifications, experience, and skill sets most compatible with being selected as an Illinois Active Threat Master Instructor Candidate for this position include being:

- 1. An instructor within their own agency, with a strong pedigree of instruction experience and numerous instructor areas of knowledge.**
- 2. A firearms instructor, with an emphasis on teaching Pistol and Patrol Rifle.**
- 3. A certified Rapid Deployment End User Instructor, with experience teaching Active Threat Response tactics.**
- 4. A certified ITOA Tactical Patrol Officer – with all associated End User certificates: CQB / High Risk Traffic Stops / Rescue Task Force / MACTAC.**

Candidates should also have a good working knowledge of law enforcement Use of Force laws, issues and requirements, specifically 5/7-5 Peace Officers Use of Force in Making an Arrest / Graham v Connor (the Graham Factors) / Tennessee V Garner / Canton v Harris and the Illinois Safety Act.

Additional certifications and/or experience in the following areas will also be beneficial (not required) when submitting a candidate packet:

- \* Field Training Officer
- \* Self-Aid / Buddy-Aid / TECC / TCCC / ITC
- \* Basic / Advanced SWAT
- \* Advanced Firearms Training – Tactical Pistol & Rifle
- \* Developing, planning and conducting realistic scenario-based training.
- \* Developing, planning and conducting rapid deployment exercises.

Candidates will be screened and validated by a group of Senior Master Instructor Cadre members.