



Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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Tactical Drone Operations

DATE: October 1-2, 2026

TIME: 8:00am – 4:00pm

LOCATION: ICAT – 3120 S. Business Rt. #51, Decatur, IL 62521

INSTRUCTORS: Tim Collins, Phil Peddycoart & Bruce Liebe

NON-MEMBER FEE: \$0

MEMBER FEE: \$0

REGISTRATION LIMIT: 15

Pending ILETSB Approval: Legal Updates(2.00hrs), Procedural Justice (2.00hrs + 1hrs Scenario) Officer Safety Techniques (1.50hrs + 1hrs Scenario) De-escalation (2.50hrs)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Tactical Drone Operations prepares officers to effectively and efficiently operate drones in support of a wide variety of law enforcement operations.

COURSE GOALS: The goal of this course is to train law enforcement officers to operate drones within the parameters of requisite laws and regulations while supporting various police operations. To achieve these goals, focus will be specifically placed upon:

- Explain Illinois laws governing law enforcement drone operations.
- Explain applicable FAA regulations.
- Demonstrate safe UAS operations.
- Conduct pre-flight and post-flight inspections.
- Develop a tactical mission plan.
- Conduct operational risk assessments.
- Deploy a drone in support of patrol operations.
- Utilize thermal imaging during search operations.
- Document aerial evidence.
- Demonstrate crew resource management.
- Operate safely during tactical incidents.
- Complete practical scenario exercises.

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COURSE PREREQUISITES: To ensure all students are prepared for this advanced course, participants must meet the following prerequisites:

- Possess a current FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate (or agency equivalent if applicable).
- Have prior experience operating a small unmanned aircraft system (sUAS). Students should be proficient in basic flight operations, including takeoff, landing, hovering, orientation, and camera control.
- Bring a drone for training. Students may use either:
 - Their personally owned drone, or
 - A department-issued drone capable of safe flight and image/video capture.
- Bring all required equipment, including batteries, battery charger, remote controller, memory cards, and any necessary firmware updates completed before class.
- Be physically capable of safely operating a drone during practical flight exercises in outdoor environments.

Note: This is not an introductory drone course. Students are expected to arrive with basic flight proficiency and a working knowledge of FAA Part 107 regulations and safe drone operations.

TO REGISTER: Email registration to register@letac.org. You may also fill out and submit our online registration form through the website at www.letac.org or call 217-726-7014 to register by phone. **MTU #10 member agencies will be given registration preference until seven days prior to the date of class. After that date, registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of MTU status. We cannot accept registrations from individual officers. All registrations must go through your Chief, Sheriff, or department training office, even if you are attending class on your own time.**

CANCELLATION: If a class must be canceled for any reason, every effort will be made to do so at least 2 weeks before the class is scheduled to begin.

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