



Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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Intro to Red Dot Pistol Optics For Duty Use

Funded in the Partnership with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

DATE: October 26-27, 2026

TIME: 8:00am – 4:00pm

LOCATION: MCLETC

INSTRUCTIONS: Tim Collins & Bruce Liebe

NON-MEMBER FEE: \$0

REGISTRATION LIMIT: 12

Meets Illinois Mandates: EMR (0.50hrs), Law Concerning Stops, Searches, and The Use of Force (0.50hrs) & Officer Safety Techniques (10.00hrs)

PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE: This class is intended to familiarize students with the use of pistol optics, often referred to as Red Dot Optics, or RDOs. This two-day, 16-hour end user course is designed to introduce officers to use of the RDO and to facilitate their transition from the use of traditional iron sights.

COURSE OVERVIEW: This class will familiarize students with the use of pistol optics and ensure they attain a level of marksmanship that will allow them to meet state mandated firearms training standards while using an RDO and qualify to carry an optic equipped pistol as a duty weapon. Specific drills are introduced to make the student familiar and more comfortable with a new sight system. Specific issues addressed are finding the dot, tracking dot, and malfunctions that are specific to the RDO equipped pistols. One-handed and support hand shooting will be addressed, as well as low light shooting and decision-making drills. The training will conclude by requiring students to successfully pass the state qualification course for handguns. Topics to be addressed include:

- Handgun fundamentals, to include grip, trigger press, and shooting platform.
- Proper methods of presenting the handgun from both the holster and ready pistol.
- How to locate and track the dot.
- Marksmanship and shot cadence at various distances.
- Learning to overcome an optic malfunction.

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COURSE GOALS:

- Introduce students to shooting while utilizing a pistol optic (RDO) in lieu of traditional iron sights
- Provide students with the necessary instruction and skill practice to ensure skill proficiency using a pistol optic
- Training students to avoid “dot focus” and to center on target focus
- Ensuring students can utilize alternate sighting methods should their pistol optic fail
- Provide the necessary information and skill development so that the students are able to pass the state mandated firearms qualification while using a pistol optic

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

- Optic equipped pistol
- Minimum 3 magazines
- Duty belt, holster, magazine pouches, etc.
- Kevlar vest
- Eye & ear protection
- 500 rounds ammunition

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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