



## Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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# Sexual Assault-Trauma Informed-Initial Response (8-Hour Patrol)

**May 04, 2023**

**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

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***This course is ILETSB approved and certified for the following mandates:***

***Civil Rights (.5-hrs), Constitutional/Proper Use of LE Authority (.5-hrs), Cultural Competency (.5-hrs), Human Rights (.5-hrs), Legal Updates (1-hr), Procedural Justice (.5-hrs), Psychology of Domestic Violence (.5-hrs), Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect (.5-hrs) and Sexual Assault Trauma Informed Response (3.5-hrs).***

**Purpose of Course:** This 8 hour- 1 day program has been designed by Sgt. Mike Bennett, Danielle Butts, Cordelia Copleson, Det. Mike Dollear, Sgt. Adam Gulczynski, Det. Dan Matuszak and Sgt. Gerard Wodka to provide students with the mandated Sexual Assault Initial Responder Training (1st day only- 8 hour class) in compliance with the Sexual Assault Incident Procedure Act.

**Course Overview:** The course will focus on the initial response of a sexual assault. The training will address trauma and the neurobiology of the brain. Rape myths surrounding sexual assault cases will be discussed and addressed. There will be a focus on what it means to be victim centered and trauma informed and how to conduct trauma informed interviews with victims. The training will also address defendant interviews and considerations when dealing with offenders charged with sex crimes and considerations in report writing. The SANE program and the role of rape advocates will also be addressed. Social Media and evidence gathering from the internet will be discussed. The training will stress the importance of being trauma informed and victim centered to avoid re-traumatization of the victim.

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**Course Goals Will Include:** The goal of this training is to educate officers as to the complexities of sexual assault investigations, including: misperceptions about sexual assault victims and offenders which may make victims reluctant to report the crime; how trauma impacts the manner in which victims are able to report; how best to support sexual assault victims during their encounter with law enforcement and the criminal justice system; and how to focus on offender behaviors and hold offenders accountable. This training focuses on conducting trauma informed, victim sensitive interviews, effective techniques for offender interviews, considerations in report writing, investigating digital and social media platforms and a more in depth look at the neuro-biology of the brain that helps explain how trauma effects memory.

**Instructor:** This class is led by **Danielle Butts** and a multi-disciplinary team of instructors.

**Non-Member Tuition:** \$80. Non-Member tuition shall apply to civilians, officers from State/Federal agencies, and officers from Local Law Enforcement agencies which are not a member of any MTU. 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.

**To Register:** Email registration to [register@letac.org](mailto:register@letac.org). You may also fill out and submit our online registration form through the website at [www.letac.org](http://www.letac.org) or call 217-726-7014 to register by phone (be sure to include all pertinent information). **MTU#10 Law Enforcement members who are under the mandate requirements will be given priority on state mandated courses and then MTU#10 local members. If it is not a mandated course, all MTU# 10 local members 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. However, there are circumstances where last minute cancellation is out of our control. All officers who have been registered for training will be contacted at the email address given at registration, so please be sure to provide an email address which is checked often.

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