



## Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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# Modern High Risk Vehicle Traffic Stops

**April 24, 2025**

**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Rochester Fire Dept.**

**700 E. Main Street**

**Rochester, IL 62563**

***This Course is ILETSB Approved and Certified for the Following Mandates:***

***Const Use of L.E. Authority (0.50hrs+0.50scenarios), De-escalation Techniques (0.50hrs+0.50scenarios),***

***High-Risk Traffic Stops(6.00hrs+3.50scenarios),***

***Law Concerning Stops, Searches, and the Use of Force (0.50hrs+0.50scenarios),***

***Officer Safety Techniques, Including Cover, Concealment, and Time (0.50hrs+0.50scenarios)***

**Course Overview:** This course will introduce emerging tactics on high-risk vehicle stops, previously referred to as felony vehicle stops. Harnessing modern vehicle design, these tactics will enhance officer safety and emphasize the principles of time, distance, and cover to mitigate risk.

Students will understand and demonstrate a basic understanding of HRVS tactics and the importance of time, distance, and cover.

The scenario-based culminating training event will give students the opportunity to employ these tactics and foster critical thinking skills to safely resolve a multitude of complex problem sets. Instructors and students will debrief after each scenario to evaluate risk mitigation and available courses of action.

### **Course Objectives:**

1. Discuss the history, evolution, and lessons learned in past high-risk vehicle stop encounters.
2. Define the overall role, responsibility, and strategy of contact and cover.
3. Employ the principles of time, distance, and cover to mitigate risk.
4. Recognize the various dynamics of a modern high-risk vehicle stop.
5. Demonstrate and employ these principles during scenario-based training.

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**Instructors:** Spearpoint Tactics is owned and operated by four active-duty law enforcement officers within Central Illinois. Our instructors are committed to providing the latest tactics and best practices for keeping LEOs safe on the street.

Matt Marass began his law enforcement career in 2012. His background is diverse and includes various duty assignments within Patrol, Criminal Investigations, two Multi-Jurisdictional Tactical Response Units, Field Training Officer, and School Resource Officer.

Matt holds several instructor certifications to include CQB Tactics Instructor, High Risk Vehicle Stop Instructor, Active Shooter Instructor, and Ballistic Shield Instructor. Matt is also certified in warrant service planning, bus hostage rescue, mechanical and ballistic breaching, rescue task force, and advanced dignitary protection.

Matt is currently employed full-time with the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office and is assigned to the Patrol Division.

Andrew Henton began his law enforcement career in 2013 and has over a decade of tactical operational experience on a multi-jurisdictional tactical team.

Andrew is a High-Risk Vehicle Stop Instructor, Firearms Instructor, AR-15 Armorer, Less Lethal Instructor, Taser Instructor, and a graduate of Force Science Institute's Certification Course. Andrew is certified in Advanced Rapid Deployment, Hostage Rescue, and High-Risk Warrant Service.

Andrew is a Sergeant with the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office and is currently assigned to the Patrol Division.

**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. **MTU #10 local member department officers 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 registrants will be notified by the email given at registration.

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