



Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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THE WINNING MIND

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

DATE: January 13, 2026

TIME: 8:00am – 4:00pm

LOCATION: Lincoln Land Comm College @ Litchfield – 1 Lincoln Land Dr., Litchfield, IL (Auditorium)

INSTRUCTIONS: Dave & Betsy Smith aka “JD Buck Savage”

NON-MEMBER FEE: \$80.00

Meets Illinois Mandates: Const Use of L.E. Authority (1.00hrs), Officer Wellness/Mental Health (1.00hrs), De-escalation Techniques (1.00hrs), High Risk Traffic Stops (1.00hrs), Officer Safety Techniques, including Cover, Concealment, and Time (3.00hrs).

This course is perfect for everyone in your agency from management to recruits, from being sworn to civilian, from patrol to investigations, from prosecutors to correctional officers, Dave Smith’s The Winning Mind has something for everyone! Don’t miss this important and timely event!

COURSE OVERVIEW: The Winning Mind is updated continuously and includes an enhanced section by Sgt. Betsy Smith. This course can be attended by anyone who works in a law enforcement agency. In his unique, energetic style, Dave Smith gives men & women the mental edge they need to not only face threats on the street but also how to manage the stresses they may confront in their daily lives, both on and off duty. In this multi-media session, Dave and Betsy will discuss ----

What makes someone a “winner”; The science of crisis decision making; Professionalizing the profession; Training to WIN! Emotionally, tactically & procedurally; Understanding the role beliefs play in success; Developing true optimism in these uncertain times; The “NOT TODAY” mindset, every day, on every shift; The “Guardian Mindset” and “Warrior Ethos” explained and enhanced; Real World Communication Skills for ALL personnel; Maintaining positivity in a bureaucratic world; Preventing panic, the “archenemy of survival”; Being truly resilient after a setback!

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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