



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING PROGRAM

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Training			Class ID#	Course ID#
Sovereign Citizen Awareness & Law Enforcement Response			87066	65884
Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location	
May 31, 2018	8:30 am – 4:30 pm	8	MTU 15 Satellite Facility 320 East North Avenue Noble, IL	

Course Description

This class will cover a myriad of topics regarding sovereign citizen ideologies and how they relate to law enforcement. Sovereign citizens are a type of anti-government extremist that believes the federal government is illegitimate and that they are “freemen” outside the control of its authority. It is estimated that there are several hundred thousand such individuals in the US. There is also overlap between sovereign citizens and radical militia—who fear authorities intend to confiscate weapons of US citizens.

In the past several years, sovereign citizens have increasingly been involved in criminal activities nationwide, including fraud as well as threats and violence against government officials, especially law enforcement. Of particular concern is that such individuals may launch a large-scale attack on law enforcement. Officer safety must also be considered as it relates to traffic stops, calls for service, and interactions with the public.

Course Objectives

This program will enable participants to: 1) Describe sovereign citizen ideology and address why it is important for law enforcement; 2) Provide historical context, describe previous leadership/principal figures, and trends in the sovereign citizen movement; 3) Comprehend the current structure of the sovereign citizen movement, their modes of radicalization and recruitment, and their implications; 4) Describe who participates in the sovereign citizen movement; 5) Describe sovereign citizen general tactics and activities; 6) Articulate sovereign citizen threats against law enforcement and government officials; 7) Highlight sovereign citizen threats against law enforcement and government officials; and 8) Articulate the manifold responses to sovereign citizen threats in the United States.

Instructor

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Training Mandates met by this training indicated by ✓

✓	Civil Rights		Constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority
✓	Cultural Competency	✓	Procedural Justice
	Introductory Mental Health Awareness		Legal Updates
	Human Rights		Use of Force <i>(must include scenario based or similar approved training)</i>
	Lead Homicide Investigator		Sexual Assault Trauma Informed Response
	Sexual Assault Investigator Training		

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