

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

MTU #13

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Course Announcement



Basic Police K-9 Handler Patrol Dog Course—

400 Hrs/ 10 Week Course

October 5th—December 18th, 2020

Please call Deputy Chief Heath Thornton for more information regarding location and times.

The class will consist of obedience, agility, aggression/handler protection, evidence search, tracking, suspect search, case law, reporting and documentation, and narcotic detection. Upon completion, the K9 team will have successfully completed the State of Illinois required training.

Trainer Heath Thornton is currently the Deputy Chief at the Charleston Police Department. He has been a K9 Handler since 2004 and handled a narcotic detection Labrador, a patrol Belgian Malinois, and Patrol German Shephard. In 2016 he became a certified K9 trainer through the State of Illinois for the Charleston Police Department. Heath is also a certified trainer through the United States Police Canine Association and is currently the Vice president of USPCA Region 16 for Illinois and Missouri. Heath has trained 16 Police Dog teams since 2016.

For specific details please contact Heath Thornton @ 217-345-4014 or thornton.heath@co.coles.il.us



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Legal Updates

Civil Rights

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Use of Force