

# East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

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## Course Announcement

**Going Green: Understanding DUI Cannabis and how to Effectively Remove Impaired Drivers from the Roadway**  
**May 20th, 2020**

**1400– 1600 Hrs**

### **Google Meet WEBINAR**

**Please have a camera and microphone available**

Submit enrollment to:  
Registration form at  
[www.mtu13.com](http://www.mtu13.com),  
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Or call 217-345-3344

**PURPOSE OF COURSE:** This 2-hour course was created by Jennifer Cifaldi, the Illinois Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor. This program was developed with the intent of providing law enforcement with the knowledge and skills to successfully navigate their way through a DUI Cannabis arrest. This course will give them the tools needed to identify a drug impaired driver with a specific emphasis on cannabis by understanding the cognitive effects that a person exhibits when impaired by cannabis.

**COURSE OVERVIEW:** This class will instruct you on how to correctly identify a cannabis impaired driver. The officer will be able to recognize how cognitive behaviors are affected by this drug and how that carries out on a DUI stop. The officers will be familiar with which moving violations are more common with a cannabis impaired driver and also how to use the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests to recognize and identify clues and indicators of impairment.

This class consists of virtual instruction and will include a question and answer discussion at the end of the presentation.

#### **Directions for signing up for a Webinar– This is real easy**

We are using the application called Google Meet, which is a safe platform so that departments do not need to worry about compromising their security. All you need to do is sign up as usual. I will then invite you by the email address that you submit when you sign up. You will receive a notification via email. If you are using Google, once you accept it, it will go straight to your calendar. All you will need to do at that time is to click to join the webinar. If you are using a different email address other than gmail, the notification will also supply a link. This is new for us too. This is the class to see if there are any bugs that need ironing out while also covering an important topic.

**Observed Mandates Include:**

**Legal Update**

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## **JENNIFER CIFALDI**

Jennifer Cifaldi is the Illinois Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor and is employed by the University of Illinois at Springfield through a grant from the Illinois Dept. of Transportation. She has held this position since October of 2016. Prior to that, Jennifer served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Adams County, Illinois for 20 years, prosecuting traffic cases at both the felony and misdemeanor level. She also was an adjunct professor at Hannibal-LaGrange University for their advanced degree program in Criminal Justice.

In 2007, Jennifer developed a DUI No-Refusal search warrant model that has now been adopted as the standard for Law Enforcement agencies and Prosecutor Offices across Illinois. She has conducted numerous training sessions on the topic for law enforcement personnel, as well as other prosecutors. Additionally, she has instructed at numerous ARIDE programs and at DRE school.

In the spring of 2018, she worked with Macon County, Illinois to implement forensic phlebotomy for Illinois officers. Jennifer worked with the Buffett Foundation to organize the first ever phlebotomy training by arranging for five officers, a dean from Richland Community College and herself to travel to Phoenix, Arizona and attend the forensic phlebotomy training that Arizona has been utilizing for over 20 years. She is now working with RCC to begin offering classes to Illinois law enforcement officers to become phlebotomists.

In 2016, Jennifer was the recipient of the National Traffic Safety Prosecutor of the Year award. She was also the recipient of the MADD Hero award in 2011 for her work on prosecuting DUI cases. And in 2014, she was awarded the 2014 Murphy Leadership award for her vision, execution and relentless effort to eliminate impaired driving and underage drinking.

Jennifer earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and Society from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana in 1993 and her Juris Doctorate from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana in 1996. She resides in Quincy, Illinois with her husband and son.

