



# MOBILE TEAM TRAINING UNIT IV



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# SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONES) IN LAW ENFORCEMENT (32 HOURS)

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This training will introduce officers to the use of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), commonly called “drones”, for both evidence collection and search operations. The course will cover all aspects of UAS operations, including preparations for the mandatory FAA Part 107 licensing. It will include information on the necessary waiver to fly in populated areas and night operation of drones. Hands-on experience with full-sized drones will give officers the confidence and ability to operate in a safe manner. Evidence collections in both photo and video format will be addressed, as well as the legal aspects of how to handle and store this information, as it differs from standard photo/video collection rules. Finally, the Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act, ILCS 725/167 will be discussed to provide officers and their departments with a clear understanding about operating drones within the confines of the law, including the mandate to inform the State about maintenance and flight operations. Upon completion of this course, attendees will possess the knowledge to successfully take and pass their Part 107 FAA pilot’s exam to become a licensed pilot. They will also be able to assist in creating proper departmental policies and procedures for operating drones.

**Equipment Needed- Laptop is required.** Officers who wish to learn to fly their agency’s sUAS may bring it to class, with a minimum of two batteries, although there will be UAS’s provided by the instructor for the pilot training part of the class.

**DATE:** June 2-5, 2025

**Registration Deadline:** May 23, 2025

**TIME:** 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

**LOCATION:** MTTU IV 1801 Windish Drive, Galesburg, IL 61401

**Instructors:** Chris Edwards, Associate Professor at Rend Lake College

**Cost:** MTTU IV MEMBERS: \$ 0.00 - NON MTTU IV MEMBERS: \$ 0.00

**MTTU IV Members are given priority registration status 1 month until class.**

**Visit [www.mttuiv.org](http://www.mttuiv.org) to register. Registrations are only accepted from department training officers**

**Per Board approval, this Class Meets the following Mandatory Training Key Guidelines.**

Civil Rights (1 hr.); Constitutional Use of Law Enforcement Authority (4 hrs. Legal Updates (1 hr.), Procedural Justice (1 hr.), Use of Force including cover, concealment and time (1 hr. scenario based)

Instructor-Chris Edwards, Associate Professor at Rend Lake College, the primary instructor for this class, holds an AAS degree in Information Technology from Rend Lake College, a Bachelor’s Degree in Information Technology from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and a Master’s Degree in Cyber security from Liberty University. He is a licensed as a Remote Pilot by the FAA. Chris teaches in the Information Technology Division at Rend Lake, with an emphasis on Cybersecurity and Computer Forensics. He has developed the sUAS curriculum for the college. Chris has taught a related series of courses for over 7 years and has added several other courses to the curriculum.