



THE MISSOURI SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

CRITICAL DECISION-MAKING FOR MODERN LAW ENFORCEMENT & CORRECTIONS

OCTOBER 7, 2026

PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

500 W. SECOND ST., ROLLA, MO 65401

POST CLEE CREDITS

5 TECHNICAL STUDIES (INCLUDES 1 HOUR SUB: IMPLICIT BIAS)

3 LEGAL STUDIES (INCLUDES 1 HOUR SUB: DE-ESCALATION)



FREE CLASS

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2026

8:00AM - 5:00PM POST #30694

CLASS OVERVIEW

This 8-hour CLEE-certified training is designed to strengthen officer judgment, enhance safety, and reduce risk during high-stress encounters in both field operations and custodial environments. The course focuses on three interrelated areas that are central to contemporary law enforcement and jail operations.

Use of Force Decision-Making

Officers and detention staff are required to make rapid, defensible decisions under intense pressure. This block emphasizes lawful, proportional, and ethical use of force grounded in policy, case law, and practical realities. Participants will examine how perception, stress, and environmental factors influence decisions, and how to articulate actions clearly and professionally. Improved decision-making not only enhances officer and inmate safety, but also reduces complaints, injuries, and liability exposure.

Dangers of Prone Restraint

Restraint-related incidents continue to be a major source of injury, in-custody deaths, and legal scrutiny. This section addresses the physiological risks associated with prone positioning, especially during prolonged or high-exertion encounters. Officers and jail staff will learn to recognize warning signs of medical distress, apply safer control strategies, and transition individuals to recovery positions as soon as practicable. Understanding these risks is essential for protecting lives, maintaining public trust, and meeting modern standards of care in detention and field settings.

Duty to Intervene

The duty to intervene is a critical component of professional policing and corrections culture. This segment clarifies when and how officers and detention personnel are expected to intervene, de-escalate, or report unsafe or excessive actions by others. Emphasis is placed on peer accountability, ethical leadership, and practical intervention strategies that protect everyone involved. Proper understanding and application of this duty safeguards agencies, reinforces teamwork, and strengthens community confidence.

Benefits of Attending

Participants will leave this training with improved confidence, clearer legal and policy understanding, and practical tools they can immediately apply on duty. Agencies benefit from better decision-making, reduced use-of-force incidents, enhanced inmate and officer safety, and stronger defense against civil and criminal liability. Most importantly, this course supports a professional culture focused on safety, accountability, and integrity in both law enforcement and correctional environments.

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