

FREE GRANT FUNDED INSTRUCTOR COURSE

MSA Use of Force Instructor

DATE/TIME

October 27 to 29, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Stoddard County
Sheriff's Office
207 S. Prairie
Bloomfield, MO 63825

COST: FREE!

POST CREDIT:

24 Hours Total
(12-LS, 6 TS 4-SD, 2-DE)

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To successfully complete the course, participants must attend all required training blocks, actively participate in practical exercises, and successfully pass both a written examination and a practical skills examination.

Visit mosheriffs.com or scan the QR code to register.



The Use of Force Instructor Course is designed to prepare law enforcement, jail, and corrections instructors to teach legally sound, tactically practical, and professionally responsible use-of-force decision-making.

The course is not designed to teach officers to “win fights” through unnecessary force. Rather, it is designed to help instructors teach officers how to control resistance, stop threats, reduce unnecessary injury, preserve life, and explain their decisions clearly and professionally.

Practical Force-on-Force Training

In addition to classroom instruction, students will participate in practical exercises, instructor-led demonstrations, scenario development, and controlled force-on-force drills. These exercises are designed to help instructors teach officers how to recognize pre-assault indicators, manage resistance, communicate effectively, transition between force options, control subjects safely, protect themselves and others, provide post-force care, and clearly document the totality of the circumstances.

Topics Include

- The constitutional standard for evaluating law enforcement use of force.
- Factors that influence objective reasonableness.
- Human performance variables.
- Decision Making Under Pressure.
- Psychological & Physiological Use of Force Factors.
- Seeing Under Stress-How Vision & Attention Work.
- Sound & Perception - How Hearing Alters What We See.
- Body-worn Cameras - Limitations & Legal Implications
- De-Escalation and the Duty to Intervene.
- Instructor & Agency Liability.
- Designing safe, realistic, and legally defensible force-on-force training scenarios.

For more information email kevin@mosheriffs.com or call 573-301-7728

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