

GRANT-FUNDED CLASSROOM-BASED TRAINING

Protests, Demonstrations, and Civil Unrest Operations



Bill Backus, retired in July 2022, as a Master Sergeant with the Illinois State Police after 27 years of service with the agency. Amongst other assignments, Bill served as the statewide Mobile Field Force Commander for the Illinois State Police (ISP) and supervised 250 Troopers assigned to 4 regional crowd control teams during protest activity throughout the State. Bill was responsible for writing ISP policies concerning Mobile Field Force Operations and Tactics. Bill was the lead instructor for both the ISP's basic narcotics and training and the Mobile Field Force Program.

Presented by:
Bill Backus
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October 15-16, 2024
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Registration deadline: October 1, 2024

Idaho POST Academy
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Course Objectives:

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Additional information can be found at: <https://post.idaho.gov/events/r2-252-protests-demonstrations-and-civil-unrest-operations-meridianoct24/>

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