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The Minnesota Sheriffs' Association is sponsoring Rick Hodsdon's

Basic Data Practices

March 26, 2026

08:30 AM – 12:30 PM (online only)
4 POST credits

About the Instructor:

Richard Hodsdon has spent all of his professional life representing and defending state and local officials, conducting criminal prosecutions, training and advising criminal justice and government officials. Rick has spent 8 years as a special assistant Minnesota Attorney General, a year in private practice and over 30 years as an assistant county attorney for Washington County Minnesota. Rick has been legal counsel for the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association since 1987.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Have you just been hired as a records specialist for a public entity and heard "something about the data practices law in Minnesota." Are your duties directly related to releasing public information for your Sheriff or Police Chief? Are you a patrol deputy or police officer and confused by what data you can collect, should collect, or in some cases data you should not collect? This course has been designed with you in mind.

Rick in 4 hours will not make you an expert in all the issues of data practices and how it applies in Minnesota, but he will give you the confidence to know when you or your agency should stop and seek further legal advice. He will help you overcome your hesitation to act when the law requires you to send a response to the public.

This is one of the courses many in our public agencies have said, "I wish I would have had this course **before** we were challenged over our data release."

Cost: \$90

Online Only: Zoom Link will be sent to registrants prior to the training date.

P.O.S.T. Credits: 4

Registration: Register for this training [HERE](#) (or visit the MSA Website and navigate to Trainings → Legal Issues for Public Agencies)

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