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The Minnesota Sheriffs' Association is sponsoring Rick Hodsdon's

Extreme Risk Protection Orders

May 6, 2026

8:30-12:30 (online only)

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 33 years as an assistant county attorney for Washington County Minnesota. Rick has been legal counsel for the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association since 1987.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

On January 1, 2024, Minnesota joined the growing number of states that enacted a system for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO), commonly know as Red Flag laws, in an effort to reduce the use of guns for suicide and harm to others by people deemed dangerous to self or others, usually due to major mental health matters. Rick is going to walk you through the new statutes, what they do and do not do, how they are supposed to work and what experience is showing so far how they really are being used. Since ERPO petitions can be brought by city police, city attorneys, county sheriffs and county attorneys as well as family members this class is useful and relevant to all members of those agencies as well as mental health providers and county mental health workers who also may have a role in this new challenging law.

Cost: \$90 per person

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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