



In 2015, the Michigan Sheriffs' Coordinating and Training Council (MSCTC) and the National Institute for Jail Operations (NIJO) entered into a training partnership to provide MSCTC members with online correctional training founded upon legal-based guidelines already developed specifically for Michigan. Since that time, NIJO has been providing corrections professionals throughout the state of Michigan with interactive and engaging training through the Detention and Corrections Online Training Academy (DACOTA).

DACOTA corrections online training is based on case law and includes critical operational and highly litigious topics broken down into 10 key areas of focus:



- **Civil Liability & Risk Management** – (PREA, Writing Legal-Based Policy and Procedure, etc.)
- **Correctional Law** (Prisoner Rights, PLRA, etc.)
- **Inmate Communications** (Access to Courts and Counsel, Inmate Mail, etc.)
- **Personnel Management** (Code of Conduct, Ethics, De-Escalation Skills, etc.)
- **Inmate Security, Safety and Welfare** (Duty to Protect, Required Life Necessities, etc.)
- **Inmate Health Care** – (Managing Mentally Ill, Suicide Risk Screening, etc.)
- **Inmate Management** – (Classification, Grievances, Inmate Discipline, etc.)
- **Religious Exercise, Marriage, LGBTI** (First Amendment Rights, RLUIPA, Inmate Marriage, etc.)
- **Searches** – (Prisoner Searches, Area Searches, etc.)
- **Use of Force & Restraints** (Pre-Trial Detainees, Convicted Inmates, etc.)

At the beginning of 2020, NIJO announced the successful migration to a new and improved learning management system for DACOTA. The new platform features:

- Improved user-interface
- Streamlined look and feel,
- Helpful user dashboard for tracking training activity for individual users and supervisors.
- Improved reporting features

In addition to the software platform upgrade, NIJO continues to add 3-4 new courses to the MSCTC Course Catalog every month.

All DACOTA curriculum is approved for NIJO Professional Certification toward NCCO, NCCS, and NCCE level certification. For more information about becoming nationally certified contact NIJO at certification@jailtraining.org.

If you are not currently signed up for the NIJO On-Line training and are interested in learning more about the training, please contact Kay Hile at khile@msctc.org, or 517-999-7282.



ABOUT NIJO

The National Institute for Jail Operations (NIJO) is dedicated to serving those that operate jails, detention and correctional facilities. Recognizing the enormous liability and increasing litigation facing administrators, NIJO provides a compilation of legal-based resources and information for agencies to make facilities safer and more secure, proactively defend against frivolous litigation, and protect against adverse publicity and liability. Learn more about NIJO's many legal-based resources for detention facilities at www.jailtraining.org