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## Training Announcement

The Minnesota Sheriffs' Association is hosting  
Rick Hodsdon's

### *Authority of the Sheriff: Myths and Reality*

Wednesday, May 12, 2021  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

This Training is designed for Sheriffs and their Command Staff that have questions about their Legal Authority.

**LIVE ONLINE on Zoom**  
(Training link will be emailed to attendees prior to class)

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

**Authority of the Sheriff:** In a time where certain groups seek protection from their "constitutional sheriff" to do their bidding on one side and in some places civilian authorities increasingly try to control the authority and operation of the office of sheriff on the other side. It is time to clear the air on the full power, authority, duties, and restrictions on the Office of Sheriff in Minnesota. MSA general counsel Richard Hodsdon has been a student of the United States Constitution, the Minnesota Constitution and state statutes since high school and will bring 50 years of that experience to this presentation. Bring your questions, comments, and concerns.

#### **INSTRUCTOR:**

**Richard Hodsdon** has spent all 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.

**Training Cost: \$20.00 per Class**  
**(2 POST Credits)**

**Register on-line at [www.mnsheriffs.org](http://www.mnsheriffs.org)**

If you have questions or need further information please contact Randy Willis, Director of Professional Services for MSA by email; [rwillis@mnsheriffs.org](mailto:rwillis@mnsheriffs.org) or phone; 651-451-7216 x5.

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