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February 5-9, 2024 **8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

2012 New Fire/Arson Investigator Academy Based on NFPA 921 &1033 (35 hours TCOLE credit)

Cost: **Canceled by PATC 01/26/2024**

Instructor: David West

Class size: 35 Max

Facility: Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Joe Max Taylor Building, Large Training Room

Description: Conducting a valid, legal, and proper origin and cause investigation is the first step in working towards a criminal investigation in an arson cause. It is also important in the investigation of accidental fires so future fires and injuries may be prevented.

This course will cover state of the art investigation practices for the new and not so new fire investigator. Upon completion of this course the student will have the necessary tools to become a professional fire investigator. The training if followed will assist and prepare the investigator for the challenges they may face in both criminal and civil investigations and court settings.

Course Overview: Upon completion of this course the student shall be able to inspect and evaluate the fire scene to determine the area and/or point of origin, source of ignition, materials first ignited and the act or activity that brought the ignition source and materials together. The necessary tools and equipment to perform the investigations will also be listed and the usage of each discussed. The student will be able to prepare diagrams of and take photographs of the scene and utilize several forms of field notes necessary to compile the final report. The student will be able to identify, collect and preserve evidence recovered at the fire scene using the proper physical and legal procedures to retain the usefulness of the evidence in court proceedings. The student will be able to conduct interviews to obtain usable information in the assistance of determining the origin and cause of the fire and in preparing the final report. Information will be provided on techniques for conducting legal interrogations and obtaining usable confessions that will withstand the challenges of the courtroom and legal system. The student will receive training in conducting all post incident investigation processes beyond the fire scene. Including the usage of public records, data searches, and other financial records needed in a criminal and/or civil investigation. The course will provide information that will prepare the student for making presentations in legal proceedings, and in the preparation of reports that will be usable for criminal prosecution and meet department requirements.

February 12-14, 2024 **8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

TCOLE 3009 Supervising and Managing the FTO Unit (20 hrs)

Cost: \$425 <https://publicagencytrainingcouncil.arlo.co/w/seminars/367-supervising-and-managing-the-fto-unit/427>

Instructor: Michael Heisinger

Class size: 35 Max

Facility: Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Joe Max Taylor Building, Large Training Room

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Description: This class is designed for the line supervisors and administrators assigned the responsibility of overseeing a field training unit. One of the key elements of success in a field training program is program management. Often programs will train the FTO, but fail to prepare the supervisor for the variety of tasks required to properly coordinate, administrate and lead the field training unit. This course will prepare the Field Training Manger (FTM) and Field Training Coordinator (FTC) for the requirements of their positions.

Course Overview: At the end of this course, students will be able to describe the San Jose Model FTO Program and list the Duties of the FTM and FTC. Describe the importance of Leadership in FT Program. Utilize proven training methods to correct poor performance. Properly review the DOR reports and utilize the Weekly Managers Report. Describe the importance of proper management and selection of the FTO. List legal issues regarding Field Training Programs

February 16, 2024 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

20417 Basic Response to Aquatic Death (8 Hours TCOLE credit)

Cost: **Cancelled by Menger 02/14/2024**

Registration https://www.publicsafety.training/service-page/basic-response-to-aquatic-death-2017?referral=service_list_widget

Instructor: Greg Lawson

Class Size: TBD

Facility: GCSO Joe Max Taylor Building, Large Training Room

Description: Historically, most law enforcement officers responding to a drowning scene do so from the point of viewing it as an accident. A horrible situation in which their first response is to be very supportive of any persons involved. In some cases, the officer's response and behavior to the incident is more in-line with victim services as opposed to a criminal investigation. While officers must be professional and show empathy in such cases, until otherwise determined, every drowning investigation should be conducted as a homicide.

Basic Response to Aquatic Death is an 8-hour introductory course, participants will review how to interview involved persons and identify unique characteristics of drowning investigations, document actions at the scene as they relate to drownings, and discuss proper evidence collection that are the keys to a proper case management. Due to the unique dynamics and locations of victims of aquatic death, attendees will gain knowledge of specific techniques and methods used for locating, documenting, and recovering submerged evidence and victims. They will understand the investigator's role in reference to dive team operations and will leave with better insight and interpretation of evidence affected by prolonged exposure to water.

February 19 – 21, 2024

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Day 1 and 2)

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8:00 AM-12:00 PM (Day 3)

2109 Spanish for Law Enforcement (20 hours TCOLE credit)

Cost: Free

Instructor: Deputy I. Garza

Class Size: 5 Min/15 Max

Facility: GCSO Joe Max Taylor, Small Training Room

About: An important duty for a criminal justice professional is gathering information during field interviews. One must be able to ask questions and be prepared to interpret the responses given by Hispanic people. This chapter will provide tips for identifying oneself and on how to ask questions necessary for establishing events, gathering details about times and dates, finding witnesses, and obtaining the description of suspects or victims. This course meets Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) requirements #2109

This course is a TCOLE mandated intermediate course for Peace officers, Jailers and Telecommunicators.

February 20 OR 22, 2024 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

2054 RADAR/LIDAR Certification (8 hours TCOLE credit)

Cost: Free

Instructor: Deputy Andre Savage

Class size: 20 Max

Facility: Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Joe Max Taylor Building, Large Training Room

Description: The goal of all police work is to protect the lives, property, safety, and well-being of the public. Traffic law enforcement is no exception. Research shows that excessive speed is a major contributing factor to motor vehicle crashes. Further, excessive speed increases the severity of the crashes that do occur.

RADAR is an important and effective means of accurately establishing vehicle speed. In recent decades, RADAR technology has been advanced significantly. Its cost-effectiveness has continued to improve as well. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) believes that police traffic RADAR is an effective enforcement tool. Police traffic RADAR provides a means of increasing enforcement effectiveness and permits police administrators to make better use of scarce personnel and costly fuel.

The overall goal of this course is to improve the effectiveness of speed enforcement through the proper and efficient use of police traffic RADAR speed measurement instruments.

This course meets Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) requirements RADAR Course #2054.

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February 21, 2024 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (7 hours TCOLE credit)

3344 Taser 7 CEW New User Course

Cost: Free

Instructor: Sgt. Lucio Martinez

Class size: 5 Min/15 Max (GCSO Personnel Only)

Facility: Joe Max Taylor Building Small Training Room

Description: This class is designed to certify the New Taser 7 CEW User utilizing current training materials (Version 23 provided by AXON Inc.)

This course requires a Taser CEW Exposure.

Equipment Required: Students must be issued a Taser 7 and bring the Taser &, all training, inert and live cartridges to class. No exceptions.

355 GCSO Annual Firearms Qualifications

Description: Annual Firearms Qualification for GCSO Peace Officers

Notes: For Retired Texas Peace Officer or Federal Agent Firearms Qualification contact Cpl. Lucio Martinez

at lucio.martinez@co.galveston.tx.us prior to the scheduled qualification date.

Start Date: February 23, 2024 Time: 8:00 AM

End Date: February 23, 2024 Time: 5:00 PM

Location: College of the Mainland Firearms Range, Texas City

Instructor: GCSO Firearms Instructors

February 26-28, 2024 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

TCOLE 9909 Officer Involved Shooting Use of Force Investigations

Cost: \$425 <https://publicagencytrainingcouncil.arlo.co/w/seminars/285-officerinvolved-shooting-and-useofforce-investigations/426>

Instructor: Mark Kollar

Class size: 35 Max

Facility: Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Joe Max Taylor Building, Large Training Room

Description: Law enforcement officers are the only government officials entrusted with the legal ability—and sometimes the duty—to exercise deadly force against members of our own populace with a split-second, judgement-based decision. But, with that power comes great responsibility to our citizens to ensure that any such use of force was justified and reasonable under the circumstances. Without transparency and thorough investigation, the relationships we have with our communities suffer and our legitimacy as a police agency is called into question. Not only will the involved officers' actions be publicly scrutinized, but your investigation of those actions will be equally challenged if it is not professional, unbiased and fair to all parties involved. Public trust versus unrest, civil litigation, departmental reputation and the very freedom or incarceration of those involved hinge on

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the competency and thoroughness of the subsequent criminal and administrative investigations.

Course Overview: It is the purpose of this in-depth course to examine the investigative best practices for the modern world, providing a standardized and systematic approach to use-of-force investigations. An investigative model specific to use-of-force and officer-involved shooting incidents is presented, including example checklists, templates, forms, reports and policies that can be put to immediate use by your agency. The information presented is current and relevant to today's technological advances and political climate, including instruction on the implications of social media; analysis of video recordings (body and dash cam, cell phone, surveillance, etc.); managing media and public relation concerns; legal considerations; crime scene processing and reconstruction; and the benefits of incorporating 3D scans and overhead drone footage to visually present the findings of your investigation to all interested parties in a manner more easily understood. At the conclusion of this training, attendees will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence necessary to appropriately investigate and document any use-of-force incident, including those resulting in serious bodily injury or death.