

# The Briefing

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## Interim Executive Director Named

At the June 9th meeting, the Commissioners named TCOLE General Counsel John Beauchamp as Interim Executive Director. He will serve in this position beginning September 1st, following the retirement of ED Kim Vickers, while the Commission conducts its search for a permanent Executive Director.

Mr. Beauchamp has served as General Counsel for the agency since 2012. He came to the Commission after six years at the Texas Attorney General's Office, where he represented state agencies in district and appellate courts, and was an advocate for open government as Chief of the Open Records Litigation Section. His prior legal experience includes criminal defense work and family law.

Mr. Beauchamp began his career in public service as a Rifleman in the United States Marine Corps, including a tour on the Presidential Security Detail at Camp David, Maryland. While an undergraduate at The University of Texas at Austin, he worked as a farmhand, salesman, and musician. He earned his J.D. and M.B.A. degrees from Texas Tech University.



# TCOLE Staff Updates



## **Commissioner Mario Lizcano**

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement has proudly welcomed Commissioner Mario Lizcano, Jr. to the Commission and looks forward to working with him throughout his term!

Commissioner Lizcano was appointed to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement by Governor Greg Abbott for a term set to expire on August 30, 2027.

**[Read Commissioner Mario Lizcano, Jr.'s full bio.](#)**



## **Michael Antu**

After 10 years of service with TCOLE, Michael Antu has departed for a new role in the private sector. He started with TCOLE in 2012 as Division Chief of Special Services before promoting to Director of Special Services and Enforcement in 2017. Prior to joining the Commission, he had served for 11 years as a peace officer in Harris County; first with the Harris County Sheriff's Office, then with Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 8. We wish him all the best.

# TCOLE Staff Updates

**Jessica Capraro** will be assuming the role of Chief Information Officer for the agency.

**T.J. Vinyard** will be promoted to Major of Enforcement, reporting to the Executive Director.

**Tom Bickers**, Region 6 Northeast Central Texas Field Service Agent, will be retiring on August 31.

**Jennie Jones** has joined TCOLE as a Sergeant in the Special Services Division.

Jennie will work on new agency site inspections, fleet management, racial profiling, and homeland security meetings for the agency, as well as assisting Captain Connella with other assignments.



Jennie began her law enforcement career in Virginia, following in her father's footsteps, where she participated in the Fairfax County Police Department Law Enforcement Explorer program at age of 12 through her high school graduation, and working full-time at the police department as a civilian police cadet. In April of 1990, she entered the Fairfax County PD Training Academy graduating in August that same year. A couple years later she moved to Texas, with her husband at the time, a Texas peace officer, and became a dispatcher for the Harris County Constable Precinct 8. In September of 1995, she was hired as the first female Patrol Deputy, following a Field Training Officer for the department and then promoted to Sergeant.



In Harris County, Jennie worked in the toll road and patrol divisions, including a department liaison to the chemical industry and homeland security. She has also performed as a department representative with the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HCCOHSEM). As a representative, Jennie interacted with many local, state, and federal agencies and assisted with emergency responses during Hurricane Harvey, the ITC industrial explosion, the winter freeze, and other emergency events. She was invited to participate in the Intelligence Task Force stationed at Houston Transtar, interacting with the U.S. Coast Guard, FBI, DEA, FEMA, and many other fusion centers.



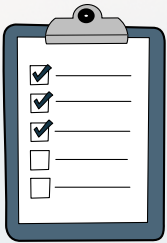
Her law enforcement career was inspired by her father, George Stevens, who was an Officer/Investigator with the Fairfax County Police Department for 28 years and an Instructor at the Rappahannock Regional Training Center for 13 years in Virginia. Jennie's parents now live in League City, Texas. She is married to Kyle Jones, a La Porte Police Officer and they have a son, two grandchildren, and four fur babies- Velvet & Leo (cats) and Kimber & Athena (dogs).

# TCOLE Staff Updates



**Kathy Madden** has joined the Education Services team as an Instructional Designer.

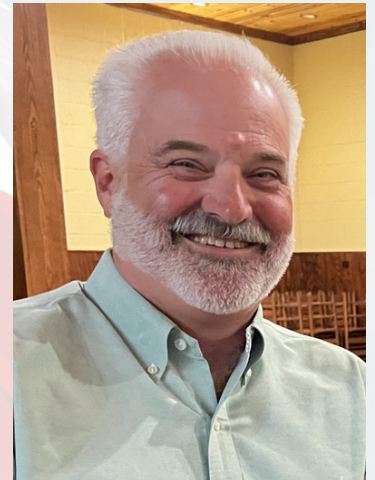
Kathy Madden is excited to join TCOLE where she will be creating and updating TCOLE curriculum and other educational materials. Prior to joining TCOLE, she worked in education for 19 years as an educator, mentor, and Gifted and Talented specialist. Kathy received her master's degree in Education from Texas State University, and her bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Texas, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Sociology.



When she is not working, you may find Kathy jet setting off on a new adventure. She loves to travel and always has a bag packed! She enjoys spending time with her two daughters, friends, and family, as well as decorating cakes, walking her two golden doodles, and cheering on the Texas Longhorns during football season.

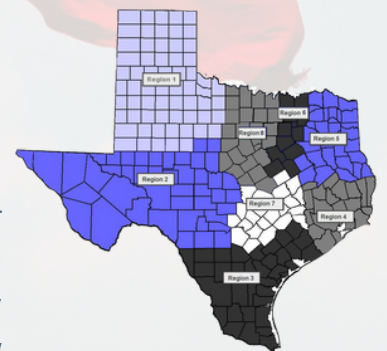
**Patrick Aitchison** has joined TCOLE as a Field Service Agent for Region 4 - South East Texas.

Patrick Aitchison was born and raised in Victoria Texas and started his career with the Victoria Police Department in September 1986. During his tenure with the VPD he wore many hats from patrol, investigation, and crime scene, to training coordinator. Patrick retired as the 911 coordinator in June 2015. From July 2015 to June of 2022, he was employed by the Victoria County Sheriff's Office where he started as the training coordinator and retired as the administration captain.



For seventeen years, Patrick taught as an adjunct for the Victoria College Police Academy. He has taught crime scene, professional driving, and continuing education class for L.E. through the Police Academy and the Sheriff's Office. He also taught in the inhouse jail school at the Victoria County Sheriff's Office.

Patrick is "all about his family" and has two grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and a six-year-old grand-daughter. He said his family loves to combine their two favorite past times, which is to spoil our grand-daughter and go camping. Patrick credits his success in life to his wife, Michelle. In July they will have been married 40 years, 36 of which Patrick was in Law Enforcement. "She really should get an award," he says.





# Sunset Advisory Commission Public Comment

The Sunset Advisory Commission is reviewing the mission and performance of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and welcomes public comments on whether the agency is still needed and ideas to improve its operations and services. The Texas Sunset Act requires the Sunset Commission to periodically review TCOLE and recommend whether to continue the agency and change state law to improve the agency's efficiency and effectiveness. The Legislature ultimately will decide whether to continue TCOLE and adopt Sunset's other statutory recommendations. The Sunset Commission also may adopt management directives for TCOLE that do not require statutory change. The Sunset process has three stages. First, Sunset staff will evaluate TCOLE, seek public input, and issue a report recommending solutions to problems found. Second, the Sunset Commission will hold two public meetings: a hearing on the staff report and the agency, and a decision meeting to adopt recommendations to the Legislature based on the report and public comments. Third, the Legislature will convene in January 2023 and will consider Sunset's statutory recommendations in a Sunset bill for TCOLE.

Here are several ways to provide comments and suggestions to Sunset staff on TCOLE's mission, operations, and services:

Send an email to [sunset@sunset.texas.gov](mailto:sunset@sunset.texas.gov).

Submit comments online at [www.sunset.texas.gov](http://www.sunset.texas.gov).

Send a letter to Sunset Advisory Commission, Attn: TCOLE, P.O. Box 13066, Austin, Texas 78711

Call (512) 463-1300 to speak to Andrew F. McConnell,  
project manager of the TCOLE review.

Please provide your comments by August 1, 2022 to ensure Sunset staff can fully consider your input while conducting their review. Comments submitted before the staff report is published in September 2022 will remain confidential. Stay informed!

Visit [www.sunset.texas.gov](http://www.sunset.texas.gov) to sign up for email alerts on the Sunset staff report and the Sunset Commission's public meetings on TCOLE.

# 2022 TCOLE Conference



## The 2022 TCOLE Conference will be held at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi October 24h-27th

Due to an overwhelming interest in this year's conference the TCOLE block at the Omni hotel in Corpus has already been filled. The next closest hotel to the conference center is the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina, which will receive bus service to and from the conference.



[Book Your Stay Today](#)

Click on the vendor map below for the vendor booth application:



Please return your application to: [vendor.support@tcole.texas.gov](mailto:vendor.support@tcole.texas.gov).

For additional information regarding this year's conference, please visit the TCOLE website at: <https://www.tcole.texas.gov/content/conference-home>.

# TCOLE Employment Opportunities

At the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, we highly value our employees! We know that our success is a direct result of their efforts day in and day out. TCOLE is proud to provide our employees with State benefits and a positive work environment for all.

## **Program Specialist II (Field Service Agent - Region 6 Northeast Central Texas)**

Performs very complex administrative and consultative services at the senior administration level to develop, implement and deliver Commission programs to governmental agency chief administrators and staff, regulated licensees, community organizations, and the general public.

## **Legal Secretary II**

Performs moderately complex (journey-level) legal secretarial work. Work involves providing legal and administrative support and maintaining communication with clients, attorneys, agencies, and the general public.

## **Customer Service Representative II**

Performs routine (journey-level) customer service work in the Credentialing Division.

## **Systems Support Specialist II**

Performs routinely complex (journey-level) computer systems support work in a help desk call center setting.

## **Education Specialist II**

The Education Services Program supports Texas law enforcement agencies and training providers by producing state-mandated training objectives and materials for distribution.

APPLY NOW



*As an equal opportunity employer, we hire without consideration to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or veteran status, unless an applicant is entitled to the veteran's preference.*

*This position requires the applicant to meet Agency standards and criteria which may include passing a pre-employment criminal background check, prior to being offered employment by the Agency.*

**[Click here to view statewide peace officer vacancies.](#)**



# New in Education Services



## Basic Telecommunicator Licensing Course

Education Services has updated the Basic Telecommunicator Licensing Course (BTLC) with Unit 3 from the new Cardiac Emergency Communication course. The course hours for the BTLC remain the same. Please note, it is the responsibility of the training academy to always teach current and updated information. The updated course must be implemented by September 1, 2022.

### Key Actions

- The student prerequisites have been updated in the abstract. Prior to starting Section 4.2.4, students must have a current, nationally recognized Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification.
- Student Learning Objective 4.2.4 has been added to the learning objectives in the abstract.
- Content for Cardiac Emergency Communication has been added to Unit 4.2.4.

Remember, the training provider/instructor must adapt the instructor resource guide into a complete lesson plan. The instructor resource guide for the updated licensing course can be found under Courses for Licensure. The content in the instructor resource guide are the minimum required elements of the training.

## Mental Health Officer

The final version of the Mental Health Officer certification course has been published! Education Services worked with several subject matter experts on the revision of this course. One of the recommendations was to reduce the course from 40 hours to 24 hours of training. With the institution of the mandatory 40 hour Crisis Intervention Training, Mental Health for Jailers, and De-Escalation courses, the base knowledge possessed by Texas peace officers and jailers regarding mental health issues has increased dramatically.

This course focuses on how to identify applicable situations for intervention, appropriate local resources for the demographics of the jurisdiction, and best practices on building resource/community connections.

### Key Actions

- The updated Mental Health Officer course has a new course number.
- Any Mental Health Officer class taught with the new curriculum should be reported under course #4201. The previous course number (#4001) and its curriculum will be retired May 1, 2022. Any classes taught on or after May 1st should be with the new curriculum.
- This course was changed significantly and training providers/instructors must create a new lesson plan for the updated Mental Health Officer course.

Please go to [www.tcole.texas.gov](http://www.tcole.texas.gov). Click on "Training", then "Course Curriculum Materials and Updates". The Instructor resource guide can be found under "Certificate Courses."





# New in Education Services



## **Salary Survey:**

As per the 87th legislative session, TCOLE was tasked with creating a peace officer salary report due before the begin of the 88th session. Education Services is currently analyzing the data collected from municipalities, country sheriff offices, and county constable offices. The feedback and participation are greatly appreciated!

## **E-learning Survey:**

With the creation of Education Services, we now have the ability to create new e-learning courses. A survey was sent out to the Chief Administrators about potential topics. We have received 389 responses so far. The feedback and participation are greatly appreciated!

**TCOLE ONLINE  
TRAINING**



## **New E-Learning Announcement**

'First Responder Training: Working with Older Adults' Now Available in MyTCOLE.

This course was developed by the Health and Human Services Commission (Aging Services) in collaboration with TCOLE Education Services.

First responders play a critical role in connecting people in crisis to resources and information, including older Texans. Due to the complexity and scope of first responders' professional roles, first responders may not be familiar with all the issues that can impact older adults. This course is designed to help first responders become more familiar with all the issues that can impact older adults and to help serve them. Look for this course on **MyTCOLE!**

## **Scheduling an Exam at Headquarters**

To schedule an exam at TCOLE Headquarters, please email [proctor@tcole.texas.gov](mailto:proctor@tcole.texas.gov). Examinees must bring a photo ID and a \$25.00 exam fee on the day of testing.

Cash or check only. We will not provide change.

\*If an agency needs to schedule a licensing exam for more than ten (10) people, please call 512-963-7700, option 4, then 5.

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED:**

If you would like to volunteer to be on a committee for creating or revising educational materials, please email [education@tcole.texas.gov](mailto:education@tcole.texas.gov). Please include your resume and a letter of interest that focuses on your subject matter expertise.



# Statute Spotlight

## Law Enforcement Request for Sexual Assault Exam

With the passage of House Bill 2462 (87th Legislature), substantial changes were made to the **Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 56A.251** with regard to law enforcement requests for forensic medical examinations for sexual assault. These changes went into effect on September 1, 2021.

This article serves as a reminder to all law enforcement officers and law enforcement agencies about these significant changes, as well as a reminder of law enforcement's role and responsibility in ensuring that every person reporting a sexual assault in Texas receives the services and care they need after experiencing this victimization.

The following changes affect law enforcement agencies:

- Removed – a law enforcement officer's ability to decline forensic medical examinations for adults who report their assault within 120 hours and may previously have made a false report;
- Requires - a law enforcement officer shall request a medical forensic exam for a child who has been sexually assaulted even if the assault was beyond 120 hours; and
- Clarifies – medical forensic exams may be requested for adults after 120 hours if the law enforcement officer believes it would further investigation or prosecution or if a medical provider/examiner notifies the law enforcement officer that an exam should be conducted.

Law enforcement officers must still document each request for a medical forensic exam, and each denial of a medical forensic exam, for each reported sexual assault via the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) revised Law Enforcement Request for **Sexual Assault Exam form**.

**Here** is a detailed explanation of the new process.



The Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network (TLEPN) is a state-wide program designed to give every Texas law enforcement[1] officer access to a specially trained peer to address stressors, trauma, fatigue, and other needs to combat workforce burnout and end Police suicide and self-harm. The network will train and mentor police officer volunteers to assist their fellow officers manage stressors both on and off the job.

Cops helping cops Each volunteer for the Peer Network will receive subject matter expert designed and TCOLE approved training to assist their peers in handling the day-to-day stress and trauma associated with life as a police officer.

The app The uniquely designed software application can be confidentially downloaded onto smartphones and allow both peers and those needing assistance an immediate direct connection to begin communication, as well as a link to appropriate resources.

Completely anonymous The officers will be provided a safe as well as anonymous environment to share their experiences, needs, and concerns without fear of negative consequences. Anonymity and confidentiality is assured. The legislation prohibits any information being shared and/or being used as action against a licensee.

Independent of any single department The TLEPN is operated by the Caruth Police Institute at UNT Dallas and is not in the reporting structure for any police department or operated by a state agency.

Access It is recommended that all officers download the app before it is ever needed. To download, scan the QR code below. The access code can be found by going to your MyTCOLE 3.0 Account. <https://tcledds.tcole.texas.gov/mytcole/>

Contact- For additional information please reach out to The TLEPN team by:

Email: [TLEPN@untdallas.edu](mailto:TLEPN@untdallas.edu)

Phone: (972)-338-1314 (Informational line)

Website: <https://www.untdallas.edu/cpi/tlepn/>

Facebook: Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network

[1] A "Law enforcement officer" means a person identified as a peace officer under Article 2.12(1), (2), (3), or (4), Code of Criminal Procedure.

# ALERRT

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TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

## Active Shooter Response for School-Based Law Enforcement Training

In the wake of the recent tragedy in Uvalde, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement has received several requests for clarification regarding whether ALERRT Level 1 training might fulfil the requirements for the Active Shooter Response for School-Based Law Enforcement, TCOLE Course #2195, established under Texas Education Code Sec. 37.0812.

We have reviewed the ALERRT Level 1 course curriculum and believe it to meet or exceed the requirements of Course #2195. Following this review, as well as the directive from Governor Abbott to ensure that as many peace officers as possible receive up-to-date active shooter training, TCOLE has made the determination that ALERRT Level 1 training reported to TCOLE under Course #3311 will be considered an equivalent to Course #2195 for compliance purposes.

The policy change will affect training delivered on or after September 1, 2021, the beginning date of the current TCOLE continuing education unit. TCOLE sees this as a way to expand the options for school-based law enforcement officers to receive quality training as they prepare to protect our most vulnerable citizens

# SCHOOL SAFETY OPTIONS

## TEXAS SCHOOL-BASED LAW ENFORCEMENT

Texas allows school districts to create their own police departments, as well as contract school-based law enforcement from local law enforcement agencies. All school-based law enforcement (SBLE) must meet the TCOLE requirements.

**311** TEXAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
HAVE AN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT

**3,414** ISD PD OFFICERS  
ARE APPOINTED ACROSS TEXAS

**4,208** APPOINTED TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS HAVE  
MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SBLE  
CERTIFICATE

## REQUIREMENTS

- COMPLETE THE SCHOOL-BASED LAW ENFORCEMENT COURSE # 4064
- COMPLETE THE ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE FOR SCHOOL-BASED LAW ENFORCEMENT COURSE # 2195
- OBTAIN SCHOOL-BASED LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE FROM TCOLE

### 2015

Texas Legislature requires all School-Based Law Enforcement to complete the TCOLE training and to obtain the SBLE Proficiency Certificate.

### 2019

86th Texas Legislature passes HB 2195 requiring all school-based law enforcement to complete the Active Shooter Response for School-Based Law Enforcement Course.



## TEXAS SCHOOL MARSHAL PROGRAM

The Texas Legislature allows public school districts, open enrollment charter schools, public junior colleges, and private schools, to appoint School Marshals through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement School Marshal Program.

THE TEXAS SCHOOL MARSHAL PROGRAM  
CURRENTLY LICENSES **256** SCHOOL MARSHALS  
IN **62** DISTRICTS.

## REQUIREMENTS

- EMPLOYEE OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT
- HAVE A CURRENT LTC
- APPROVED BY GOVERNING BODY
- PASS A PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAM (L3)
- COMPLETE THE 80-HOUR SCHOOL MARSHAL COURSE
- SUBMIT SCHOOL MARSHAL APPOINTMENT FORM AND FEE
- COMPLETE 16-HOUR RENEWAL COURSE EVERY 2 YEARS

### 2013

Texas School Marshal Program created by the Texas Legislature.

### 2018

Governor's School Marshal Program Grant created to provide funding to school districts.

### 2019

Texas Legislature removes the cap limiting the number of school marshals allowed per district.

### 2021

School Marshals allowed discretion, with governing body input, to carry their handgun on their person OR store it in a lockbox.



# Rules Amendments to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Statutes and Rules Handbook



The following rules amendments were adopted by the TCOLE Commissioners at the quarterly commission meeting on April 14th, 2022 and went into effect on June 1, 2022.

The updated Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Statutes and Rules Handbook is published on the TCOLE website at:

[tcole.texas.gov/content-commission-rules](https://tcole.texas.gov/content-commission-rules)

Please click the "Final Rules" button below to view the Title 37 adopted rules:

[Final Rules](#)

For reference, please click the "Proposed Rules" button below to view the proposed rules amendments on Page 79 of the November 5, 2021 issue of the Texas Register:

[Proposed Rules](#)

# Changes to the BCF & L1/L1-T Process

TCOLE would like to make you aware of an upcoming change regarding the hiring process: Starting Friday July 1, 2022, any L-1 or L-1T submitted without a Background Confirmation Form (BCF) will be rejected. These forms will not be approved until the corresponding BCF has been received and processed.

The most up-to-date BCF is generated with the F5R in TCLEDDS, and can also be found on our website under Forms and Applications. As a reminder, the BCF may be submitted up to 30 days prior to the projected appointment start date (listed on the BCF) and will be rejected if it is submitted too early.

You will know your BCF has been processed when you will receive an email response from Secure Share notifying you of the approval. Once your BCF is approved, you can submit the corresponding L1/L1T.

Below is a list of common questions to help with concerns:

Do I still need to complete the F5R? Yes, the F5R serves a different purpose than the BCF. While the F5R may not always return separation history for every applicant, it does provide vital background context for previously licensed and appointed individuals.

Can I submit the BCF & the L1 at the same time? Yes, this is acceptable. If an L1 is submitted without a BCF, we will hold the L1 for 48 hours to allow processing of the BCF. If after 48 hours the BCF has still not been processed, we will reject the L1. You will receive a confirmation email once your BCF is approved.

What if my L1 was rejected, but I did submit a BCF? There are several reasons for a rejected L1/L1T. It is important to review any comments on the rejected L1/L1T.

If the BCF was rejected or not completed, can my person start? No. Please complete and submit the BCF, and then resubmit the L1/L1T with an appropriate start date, dated on or after the approval of the BCF.



If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email the Secure Share team at [secureshare@tcole.texas.gov](mailto:secureshare@tcole.texas.gov) or via phone at 512-936-7700 option 3 then option 2.

# New in MyTCOLE Store

Tired of waiting for snail mail? With the MyTCOLE Store, you don't have to anymore! TCOLE is excited to announce the launch of the new store feature in the MyTCOLE account!

Peace Officers, Jailers, and Telecommunicators can now buy Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, or Master Proficiency Certificates via online credit card purchase through your MyTCOLE account. Photo ID cards are also available for online purchase!

You can add items to your shopping cart via the 'Awards' tab in the 'My Information' area of your MyTCOLE account, or the new 'Store' link in the top right corner of your MyTCOLE account.

A printable copy of your TCOLE license is now available through your MyTCOLE account. You are welcome to print, screenshot, and/or save this document for your records. The printed paper license previously mailed to your agency upon initial licensure will no longer be in production. TCOLE recommends new licensees create a MyTCOLE account and print or save their license after receiving their first appointment.



A screenshot of the MyTCOLE 3.0 user interface. The header includes the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement logo and the text "TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT MYTCOLE 3.0". Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links for "Welcome", "[Logout]", "Home", "My Information", "Officer Training", "Store" (circled in red), and "Help". The main content area shows a menu with tabs for "Personal", "Education", "Courses", "Exams", "Awards" (circled in red), and "Service". Under the "Awards" tab, there are two tables. The first table, titled "PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES", lists three items: "Basic Instructor Proficiency" (awarded 07/13/2021), "Basic Peace Officer" (awarded 03/12/2015), and "Intermediate Peace Officer" (awarded 07/13/2021). Each item has a green "+Add to Cart" button. The second table, titled "LICENSES", lists three items: "Jailer License" (last action: Granted, awarded 07/01/2021), "Peace Officer License" (last action: Granted, awarded 03/01/2009), and "Telecommunications Operator License" (last action: Granted, awarded 06/01/2021). Each item also has a green "+Add to Cart" button.



# 2022 Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony



The Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Committee extends our deepest gratitude to Governor Greg Abbott for his heartfelt keynote address and for presenting the medals to the surviving families at the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony on Sunday, May 1st, 2022.

***May we forever honor.  
May we never forget.***



Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Monument, a permanent part of the state capitol grounds, was dedicated in 1999. The monument is inscribed with the names of thousands who have died in the line of duty while protecting our communities.

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement is honored to be part of the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony Committee, established by the 85th Texas Legislature, comprised of elected officials, state agencies, and organizations who are tasked with coordinating the annual memorial ceremony in honor of the previous year's fallen officers.

This year's in-person ceremony honors fallen Texas law enforcement who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2020 and 2021, many of which were claimed by the COVID-19 virus. The ceremony kicked off with an honor guard memorial procession around the capitol building and featured a keynote address and the presentation of medals by Governor Greg Abbott.

Additional information about the annual ceremony and names inscribed on the monument can be found at [www.texaspeaceofficersmemorial.org](http://www.texaspeaceofficersmemorial.org).

# 2022 Texas Fallen Peace Officers

*K9 Patrol Officer Jose Humberto Meza, Burnet Police Dept  
Deputy Timothy P. De La Fuente, Bexar County Sheriff's  
Office*

*Corrections Officer V Thomas Adedayo Ogungbire, Texas  
Dept of Criminal Justice*

*Sergeant Dale E. Multer, Travis County Constables Office -  
Precinct 5*

*Juvenile Corrections Officer Sean Rabina Wilson, Texas  
Juvenile Justice Dept*

*Parole Officer IV Joseph William Lange, Texas Dept of  
Criminal Justice*

*Corrections Officer V Kenneth Wayne Harbin, Texas Dept of  
Criminal Justice*

*Lieutenant Bobby Almager, Corpus Christi International  
Airport Public Safety Division*

*Border Patrol Agent Enrique J. Rositas Jr., US Customs and  
Border Protection*

*Border Patrol Agent Roel De La Fuente, US Customs and  
Border Protection*

*Border Patrol Agent Agustin Aguilar Jr., US Customs and  
Border Protection*

*Corrections Officer V Eric T. Johnson, Texas Dept of  
Criminal Justice*

*Border Patrol Agent Marco A. Gonzales, US Customs and  
Border Protection*

*Corrections Officer IV Lebouath Boua, Texas Dept of  
Criminal Justice*

*Corrections Officer V Elizabeth Jones, Texas Dept of Criminal  
Justice*

*Corrections Officer V Herbert J. Garcia, Texas Dept of  
Criminal Justice*

*Officer Lucas G. Saucedo, US Customs and Border Protection*

*Police Officer Jorge Cabrera, Mission Police Dept*

*Corporal Charles Edward Holt III, Tarrant County Sheriff's  
Office*

*Corrections Officer Susan A. Roberts, Williamson County  
Sheriff's Office*

*Deputy Sheriff Christopher A. "Koogle" Smith, McLennan  
County Sheriff's Office*

*Police Officer Jose Antonio "Tony" Buso Sr., Alamo Colleges  
Police Dept.*

*Corrections Officer Donald E. Parker, Texas Dept of  
Criminal Justice*

*Police Recruit Andrew P. Sockwell, Plano Police Dept*

*Police Officer Patrick Eugene Sloan, Sunray Police Dept*

*Officer Domingo Jasso III, US Customs and Border Protection*

*Corrections Officer Rodrick Rodgers, Texas Dept of Criminal  
Justice*

*Air Interdiction Agent Christopher Doyle Carney, US CBP-  
Air & Marine Operations*

*Senior Police Officer Ernest Leal Jr., Houston Police Dept  
Detention Officer Joseph Quillen, Collin County Sheriff's Office  
Officer Jose A. Santana, US Customs and Border Protection  
Officer Richard Rios, US Customs and Border Protection  
Corrections Officer V Timothy Beggs, Texas Dept of Criminal  
Justice*

*Officer Andrew R. Bouchard, US Customs and Border  
Protection*

*Security Control Specialist Jerry Jones, Tarrant County Sheriff's  
Office*

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*Senior Patrolman Sherman Otto Benys, Jr., Kingsville Police  
Dept*

*Police Officer Richard Lee Houston, II, Mesquite Police Dept*

# 2022 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Awards Ceremony



The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement hosted the 2022 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Awards Ceremony in the Texas House of Representatives' Chamber on Friday, June 10, 2022, the first time the ceremony has been held since 2019.

In what have arguably been some of the most difficult years in recent memory for our law enforcement officers, the 2022 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Awards ceremony honored 48 peace officers for going above and beyond the call of duty through acts of Public Service, Professional Development, and Valor.

"It is a tremendous honor to recognize these amazing officers for their vision, their leadership, and their heroism," said TCOLE Executive Director Kim Vickers. "These fine individuals have given so much to Texas in their time and talents, and we especially remember those who have given their lives in protection of their community."

Special thanks to Chairman James White for delivering a heartfelt keynote address at this year's ceremony.

The list of honorees, summaries of accomplishments, and photos from the ceremony are available on the TCOLE website at:

<https://www.tcole.texas.gov/content/state-texas-achievement-awards>

# 2022 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award Recipients

## *Public Service*

*George Morales, Travis County Constable, Precinct 4*  
*Paul L. Leal, Williamson County Constable, Precinct 4*  
*Allen Banks, Round Rock Police Department*  
*Jeremy Lahar, Houston Police Department*  
*Elizabeth Duong, Arlington Police Department*

## *Professional Achievement*

*Carrie White, North Richland Hills Police Department*  
*Jeff Rich, Plano Police Department*  
*Jeff Yarborough, Round Rock Independent School District*  
*Police Department*  
*John J. Matthews, Ovilla Police Department*

## *Valor*

*Albert Garcia, Levelland Police Department*  
*Shawn Wilson, Levelland Police Department*  
*Ray Scifres, Hockley County Sheriff's Office*  
*Tammie McDonald, Levelland Police Department*  
*Joshua Bartlett, Lubbock County Sheriff's Office*

*Armando Martinez, Texas Department of Public Safety*  
*Austin Hangebrauck, Texas Department of Public Safety*

*Cody Burk, Chambers County Sheriff's Office*  
*Ethan Kahla, Chambers County Sheriff's Office*  
*Forrest Craig Hunter, Texas Department of Public Safety*

*Darin Brooks, Polk County Sheriff's Office*  
*Roper Ellison, Polk County Sheriff's Office*

## *Valor*

*Celinda Gonzales, Kingsville Police Department*  
*Sberman Benys, Jr., Kingsville Police Department*

*Vidal Farias, Mission Police Department*  
*Diego Aranda, Mission Police Department*  
*Oscar Guzman, Mission Police Department*  
*Arnoldo Villarreal, Jr., Mission Police Department*

*Colton Lowe, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office*  
*Roger Smith, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office*

*Melina Justiss, Texas Department of Public Safety*  
*Justin Basso, Texas Department of Public Safety*

*David Alaniz, Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 5*  
*Lance Anderson, Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 5*  
*Heath Lawson, Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 5*  
*Orlando Treviño, Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 5*

*Alexandria Leal, Mission Police Department*  
*Jose L. Espericueta, Mission Police Department*  
*Luis Gutierrez, Mission Police Department*  
*Sergio Martinez, Mission Police Department*

*Payton Brandenberger, Palestine Police Department*  
*Brad Colman, Anderson County Sheriff's Office*  
*Tabitha Frawner, Anderson County Sheriff's Office*  
*Leonard Sandifer, Texas Department of Public Safety*

## *Individuals:*

*Kenneth Parada, University of Texas System Police Department*  
*Sergio Dominguez, Fort Worth Police Department*  
*Travis Allen, Irving Police Department*  
*Michael Chitty, Arlington Police Department*  
*Joseph Lopez, Texas DPS*

## Peace Officers' Memorial Nominations

If your agency has lost an officer or jailer in the line of duty, please be sure to send in nominations for the 2022 Peace Officers' Memorial Monument. We want to honor any fallen officers and make sure they receive the recognition they deserve. Please be aware that inclusions on the Peace Officers' Memorial Monument for medical deaths, including those related to COVID-19-related, are based on determination for benefits eligibility by the Employees' Retirement System of Texas. The nomination form can be found on the TCOLE website at <http://www.tcole.texas.gov/content/texas-peace-officers-memorial>.

## Law Enforcement Achievement Award Nominations

We need your help! Each year TCOLE hosts an annual achievement award ceremony to recognize peace officers, jailers, and telecommunicators that have gone above and beyond in their service to their community. We know there are many worthy candidates out there, but without a nomination we may never hear about them.

The awards are issued in the categories of valor, public service, and professional achievement. Nominations can be submitted until December 31, 2022 for the 2023 Achievement Awards Ceremony. For the nomination form and additional information, please visit <http://www.tcole.texas.gov/content/state-texas-achievement-awards>



# TCOLE Event Calendar



## **Commission Meeting**

August 4th @ 9:30 am

## **2022 TCOLE Conference**

October 24th – 27th

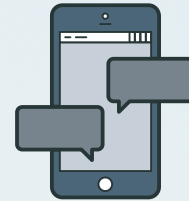
## **Commission Meeting**

October 26th @ 9:30 am

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and recorded meetings:

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