Training Schedule for the Heart of Texas Council of Governments Law Enforcement Training Program

Anyone registering for a HOTCOG class must notify Lana Gudgel, IN WRITING, **seven days** prior to the first date of the course if they are unable to attend; anyone that fails to attend and fails to notify Lana Gudgel **in writing seven days before the first day of the class** will not be permitted to register for any other courses without a letter from their Administration verifying their registration and assuring, they will be in attendance. Lana.gudgel@hot.cog.tx.us

New Supervisor #3737 **November 30 – December 4, 2026**
Location: McLennan Community College, ESEC, 7601 Steinbeck Bend Rd. Waco, TX
http://goo.gl/maps/vjKPc
8:00-5:00, 40 hrs. TCOLE Credits
Instructor: William Hughes
Target Population: peace officers who are appointed or will be appointed to the officer's first supervisory position. This course may be taken by other law enforcement professionals to include telecommunicators and county corrections. This course is mandated for peace officers who are appointed or will be appointed to the officer's first supervisory position. They must receive in-service training on supervision not earlier than the 12th month before the date of that appointment or later than the first anniversary of the date of that appointment.
Prerequisties: This course satisfies requirements for the New Supervisor course under Occupations Code §1701.352. This course is designed to educate law enforcement officers and build foundational knowledge to help prepare them for their role as new supervisors.

Mental Health Peace Officer **January 11-15, 2027**
(class is limited to 15) Registration is closed for this class
Location: Woodway Public Safety, 920 Estates Dr. Woodway, TX 76712
8:00 – 5:00, 40 hrs. TCOLE Credits
Instructor: William Hughes
T*arget Population: Currently Peace Officer, County Jailer, or Justice of the Peace.*
Prerequisites: To qualify for a mental health officer proficiency certificate, an applicant must meet the following requirements:
(1) currently appointed as a peace officer, county jailer, or justice of the peace;
(2) at least two years' experience as a peace officer, county jailer, or justice of the peace;
(3) if not currently a commissioned peace officer or county jailer, an applicant must meet the current enrollment standards;

(4) if an applicant is a commissioned peace officer or county jailer, an applicant must not ever have had a license or certificate issued by the commission suspended or revoked;
(5) if an applicant is a commissioned peace officer or county jailer, an applicant must have met the continuing education requirements for the previous training cycle;
(6) successful completion of a training course in emergency first aid and lifesaving techniques (Red Cross or equivalent); and
(7) successful completion of the current mental health officer training course and pass the approved examination for mental health officer proficiency.
(b) The effective date of this section is January 14, 2010.
Additionally, the student must have taken:
- *De-escalation (TCOLE Course #1849) AND*
- *Crisis Intervention Training (TCOLE Course #1850) OR Mental Health for Jailers (TCOLE Course #4900)*

Insurance Fraud Investigation **January 20, 2027**
Location: HOTCOG 1514 S. New Road, Waco, TX 76711
8:00-5:00, 8 hrs. TCOLE Credits
Instructor: Jon Holman
Target Population: Texas Peace Officers
Student Prerequisites: Must be a licensed Texas Peace Officer
This course introduces students to common scams and red flags in insurance fraud, Texas Laws, Investigative tools, Court Preparation, Interviewing and taking statements.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) **January 21-22,2027**
Limited to 15
Location: HOTCOG, 1514 S New Road, Waco, TX 76711
9:00-5:00, 16 hrs, TCOLE Credits
Instructor: Katherine Clendennen
Student Pre-Requisites: None
Target Population: Texas Peace Officers, Jailers, and Telecommunicators, Emergency Service Providers
ASIST is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first-aid. ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. Although ASIST is widely used by healthcare providers, participants don't need any formal training to attend the workshop—ASIST can be learned and used by anyone.

Basic Instructor Course #1014 **February 8-12, 2027**
(class is limited to 10) This class is full Registration is closed.
Location: ESEC, Heart of Texas Council of Government 1514 S New Road, Waco, TX
9:00 – 5:00, 40 hrs., TCOLE Credits
Instructor: Lana Gudgel
This course introduces the student to the teaching-learning process, phases of the teaching-learning process, factors affecting learning, preparing a lesson plan, and methods of instruction. The students will be taught how to develop and use instructional media to enhance their presentations. In addition, the fundamental techniques for developing testing and evaluation procedures will be presented. During

one teaching exercise, each trainee must demonstrate the basic knowledge and skills required to effectively instruct a lesson.
Prerequisites to qualify for Certification: substantial experience in teaching or in the special field or subject area to be taught, including two years' experience as a peace officer, telecommunicator, jailer; or a bachelor's Degree and two years of teaching experience; or a graduate degree.

New Supervisor #3737 **February 22-26, 2027**
Location: McLennan Community College, ESEC, 7601 Steinbeck Bend Rd. Waco, TX
http://goo.gl/maps/vjKPc
8:00-5:00, 40 hrs. TCOLE Credits
Instructor: William Hughes
Target Population: peace officers who are appointed or will be appointed to the officer's first supervisory position. This course may be taken by other law enforcement professionals to include telecommunicators and county corrections. This course is mandated for peace officers who are appointed or will be appointed to the officer's first supervisory position. They must receive in-service training on supervision not earlier than the 12th month before the date of that appointment or later than the first anniversary of the date of that appointment.
Prerequisties: This course satisfies requirements for the New Supervisor course under Occupations Code §1701.352. This course is designed to educate law enforcement officers and build foundational knowledge to help prepare them for their role as new supervisors.

Cognitive Interview and Deception Detection #2920 **August 24-26, 2027**
Location: McLennan Community College, ESEC, 7601 Steinbeck Bend Rd, Waco, TX
http://goo.gl/maps/vjKPc
8:00-5:00, 20 hrs. TCOLE Credits
Instructor: Justin Atherton
Target Population: Ideal for: Patrol officers, investigators, supervisors, internal affairs and command staff seeking stronger interviews, better information, and more defensible investigative practices.
Use this link to register for this class
https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/49q99ke

Insurance Fraud Investigation **May 19, 2027**
Location: HOTCOG 1514 S. New Road, Waco, TX 76711
8:00-5:00, 8 hrs. TCOLE Credits
Instructor: Jon Holman
Target Population: Texas Peace Officers
Student Prerequisites: **Must be a licensed Texas Peace Officer**
This course introduces students to common scams and red flags in insurance fraud, Texas Laws, Investigative tools, Court Preparation, Interviewing and taking statements.

Register through www.HOTCOG.org; no charge for any of these classes (unless specifically stated) if you work within the HOTCOG Region.

Beginning January 1, 2025, the cost will be $75 for all class attendees outside the HOTCOG Region*. HOTCOG will not bill your agency. Payment must be received before the class begins by cash, check, or money order.* ***No credit cards*** *and no refunds. For courses that have a limit, seating preference will be given to in-region agency registrants.*

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Click the link below to register.
https://www.hotcog.org/regional-services/law-enforcement-training-classes