

Bell County Sheriff's Department

Training Academy

104 South Main

Belton, Texas 76513



Training Schedule

Registration Procedures

To register for a particular class please contact the Training Academy by telephone at 254-933-5446 or by email at michael.perez@bellcounty.texas.gov. Students may also register in person. Please be prepared to give the following information:

- *Name*
- *Last 4 digits of your Social Security Number*
- *TCOLE PID Number*

Unless otherwise noted all classes meet from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday

Due to scheduling conflicts and other unforeseen circumstances, please make certain that you call the Training Academy prior to reporting to your class.

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Peace Officer License

Training Mandates

Please pay close attention the training mandates for 2017-2019 training unit. The number of required hours has not changed. Training Mandates can also be found at <http://www.tcole.texas.gov/content/training-requirements>

Required Hours (Texas Occupations Code 1701.351 (a))

- 2017 to 2019 training unit – 40 hours
- 2019 to 2021 training unit – 40 hours

Required Courses (Texas Occupations Code 1701.258 (b), 1701.351 (a-I and 1701.352))

- Sept. 1, 2017 to Aug. 31, 2019 training unit – 3185 State and Federal Law Update Course
- Sept. 1, 2019 to Aug. 31, 2021 training unit – 3186 State and Federal Law Update Course
- **4 Year Training Cycle 2017 – 2021**
- Those holding a Basic Peace Officer certificate, or no certificate, will be required to have **Cultural Diversity, Special Investigation Topics, Crisis Intervention, and De-Escalation Techniques.**

- Civilian Interaction Training is required by 01/01/2020 for all officers licensed on or before 01/01/2018. NO EXCEPTIONS are required.
- Those holding an Intermediate certificate or higher do not have specific courses (except the State and federal Law Update Course)
- **Special Note:** Individuals first licensed after January 1, 2013 must complete the basic Human Trafficking course within the first year of license.
- Any Peace Officer licensed on or after January 1, 2016 has two years from the date license to complete Canine Encounters and Interacting with Drivers Deaf/Hard of Hearing.

Corrections Officers

Training Mandates

Required Courses (Texas Occupations Code 170.351 (a-l and 1701.352)

- **4 year Training Cycle 2017 to 2021 : Cultural Diversity**
- **Peace Officers with an Intermediate certificate or higher who also hold a Jailer's license are exempt from the Cultural Diversity mandate.**
- **Mental Health by 08/31/2021**
- **All jailers holding an appointment on 09/01/2017 must complete Mental Health for jailers by the end of the next continuing**

Telecommunicators

Training Mandate

Required Courses (Texas Occupations Code 1701.352 (i))

- **Each licensed telecommunicator must complete no less than 20 hours of training each 2 year training unit.**
- **2017 – 2019 training unit – 20 hours**
- **2019 – 2021 training unit – 20 hours**



CAREER DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Basic Instructor Course #1014

40 TCOLE Hours

Date: January 28 – February 1, 2019

Location: Bell County Sheriff's Dept.

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Instructor: John Wilkerson

Contact TMPA @ 800-848-2088 to register or Linda Kimble @ 254-933-5392

Distracted Driver

4 Hours TCOLE

Date: February 11, 12, 13, & 14, 2019

Location: Bell County Sheriff's Dept.

Time: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Instructor: Garry Parker

Firearms Simulator

2 Hours TCOLE

Date: February 19, 20, & 21, 2019

Location: Bell County Sheriff's Dept.

Time: 8:00am – 3:00pm

Instructor: BCSD Instructor Staff

(2 hour blocks)

De-Escalation #1849

8 Hours TCOLE

Date: February 26, 2019

Location: Bell County Sheriff's Dept.

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Instructor: Carlos Davis Jr.

Civilian Interaction Training Program #30418

2 Hours TCOLE

Date: February 27, 2019

Location: Bell County Sheriff's Dept.

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am

Instructor: Mike Green

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Distracted Driving

4 Hours TCOLE

Date: March 5, 6, 7, & 8, 2019

Location: Bell County Sheriff's Dept.

Time: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Instructor: Garry Parker

Report Writing #2019

4 Hours TCOLE

Date: March 13, 2019

Location: Bell County Sheriff's Dept.

Time: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Instructor: Lee Caufield

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FIREARMS CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY CARD HONORABLY RETIRED PEACE OFFICERS

Instructions for Retired Peace Officers requesting to demonstrate weapons proficiency

Under provisions of the Texas Occupations Code, Title 10, Section 1701.357, retired Texas peace officers may apply for an opportunity to demonstrate weapons proficiency in order to carry a handgun. On successfully demonstrating their proficiency they may be issued a certificate of proficiency card, attesting to their proficiency.

This card must be accompanied by the bearer's retired Peace Officers Identification card in order to legally carry concealed as a retired peace officer (Texas Penal Code 46.15(a)(5), and 18 USC 926c).

- 1. Retirees desiring to qualify for a certificate of proficiency under Occupations Code 1701.357 shall contact the Sheriff's Department firearms training unit (FTU) to schedule a range date appointment.**
- 2. Affidavit. On arriving at the Firing range at the date & time of their appointment the retiree shall report to the FTU staff.**
 - a. The Retiree must complete a sworn affidavit affirming that:**

1. The officer honorably retired after not less than a total of 15 years of service as a commissioned officer with one or more state or local law enforcement agencies;
2. The officer's license as a commissioned officer was not revoked or suspended for any period during the officer's term of service as a commissioned officer; and
3. The officer has no psychological or physical disability that would interfere with the officer's proper handling of a handgun.
4. He/she has never been convicted of a family violence offense and is not now charged with a family violence offense.
 - a. Once signed, the retiree will be sworn to the truthfulness of the affidavit by a license peace officer.
 - b. The affidavit and a copy will be filed with the retiree's weapon qualification records.

3. Qualification.

- a. Retirees shall provide their sidearm for inspection by the FTU officer for his/her safety inspection and approval (Texas Admin Code 217.21).
 - b. Retirees shall provide 50 rounds of ammunition for their sidearm in order to fire the BCSD qualification course of fire. Shooters shall fire the current pistol course of fire required of all Deputies in the BCSD.
 - c. All shooters will be given 2 opportunities to pass the qualification course. Failure will be recorded if the shooter fails to pass the qualification course after 2 consecutive tries.
 - 1) Additional retries will only be granted with the authorization of the Sheriff.
 - 2) Failure on any subsequent retries could result in permanent exclusion from the program.
4. Upon successful completion of the qualification process, the retiree will be issued a Certification of Proficiency card.
 5. Anytime a retiree carries a handgun under these provisions, he/she will carry both the Certificate of Proficiency Card and their retired peace officer identification card, and shall present the cards upon request.
 6. Any Certificate of Proficiency Card issued under these provisions will expire on the second anniversary of the date the Certificate of Proficiency was issued, within the State of Texas (OC 1701.357(d)). Retired officers to whom this section applies may request an annual evaluation and re-issuance of their certificate of proficiency as needed to comply with applicable Federal (18 USC 926c) or other laws.

7. Suspension or Revocation.

A retiree's Certificate of Proficiency Card may be suspended or revoked for cause by the Sheriff. Suspension will be directed anytime the retired officer is arrested for a class B misdemeanor or higher offense and suspension shall remain in effect until resolution of the case. Revocation will be directed any time the retired officer is convicted of a class B misdemeanor or higher offense. A certified letter will be sent to any retiree whose privileges under these provisions are revoked. The letter will inform the retiree that the Certificate of Proficiency Card:

- a. Has been suspended or revoked.
- b. The retiree is no longer authorized to carry a handgun under the provisions of these sections of law; and
- c. The Weapons Proficiency Certificate/Card is to be immediately surrendered to the Sheriff's Office.

8. Renewal or Replacement.

To renew the Firearms Certificate of Proficiency Card the retiree must contact the Sheriff's Academy FTU, at least 4 weeks before the card is due to expire to obtain an appointment for a range date. The retiree shall follow the same procedures outlined in paragraphs 2 through 4 above, to obtain a replacement for the expired card.

- a. If a certificate of proficiency card is lost while still valid, the retiree shall follow the same procedures identified for replacing an expired card. At the retiree's discretion, the replacement card may be issued showing the original expiration date and no requalification firing will be required, or the retiree may requalify on the range and a new expiration date will be established.

9. Practice and Qualification.

- a. Those desiring some practice shooting can do so by contacting the FTU to obtain a date when the range will be available.