

De-Escalation Techniques (#1849)



Topics covered:

Module 1: Introduction. This module explains the purpose and focus of the training, emphasizing that public safety and officer safety lie at the heart of the entire Training Guide.

Module 2: Critical Decision-Making Model (CDM). This module discusses the importance of critical thinking and decision-making for officers responding to the types of incidents that are the focus of ICAT. It presents the Critical Decision-Making Model as a training and operational tool for agencies to structure and support officers' decision-making.

Module 3: Crisis Recognition and Response. This module provides basic information on how to recognize individuals who are experiencing a behavioral crisis caused by mental illness, drug addiction, or other conditions. It also provides techniques on how to approach such individuals, initiate communications, and try to stabilize the situation.

Module 4: Tactical Communications. This module provides more specific and detailed instruction on communicating with subjects who are agitated and initially non-compliant. It focuses on key communications skills, including active listening and non-verbal communication, that are designed to help officers manage these situations and gain voluntary compliance.

Module 5: Operational Safety Tactics. Using the Critical Decision-Making Model as the foundation, this module reviews critical pre-response, response, and post-response tactics to incidents in which a person in behavioral crisis is acting erratically or dangerously but is not brandishing a firearm. It emphasizes concepts such as the "tactical pause" to begin developing a working strategy; using distance and cover to create time; using time to continue communications, create options, and bring additional resources to the scene; tactical positioning and re-positioning; and teamwork.

Module 6: Integration and Practice. This module pulls the preceding modules together. Using scenario-based exercises and video case studies, it gives officers additional opportunities to practice the concepts and skills learned throughout the training.

Course information & Registration:

Date: February 9, 2020, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Hosting Agency: Dallas County Pct 3

Training Location: 6820 LBJ FWY, Ste. 1400, Dallas, Texas 75240

Length of course: 8 hours

Cost per attendee: \$50.00

To register: [Click here](#) or go to <https://texaspolice trainers.com/?p=17772> or give us a call at 512-766-0659

Who should attend: Peace Officers working toward their intermediate, and advanced proficiency certificate on or after April 1, 2018.

About the Instructor: Donovan Collins



As a native of Dallas, Texas, for 54 years. Donovan Collins is married and has 1 beautiful daughter. Donovan has served for over 30 years as a Police Officer which has included over 15 years as a Police Commander. He holds certifications as an Advanced Firearms Instructor, Range Master, Police Instructor, Glock Armorer, Defensive Tactics Instructor, ASP Baton Instructor, De-Escalation Instructor and Mental Health Officer. Donovan Collins holds a Master Peace Officer License and currently serves as a Police Sergeant overseeing the South Rail Operations Unit for Dallas Area Rapid Transit Police Department.

Donovon Collins teaches Practicing Serving and Leading, Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence. His hobbies include riding his motorcycle, volleyball, handgun instructing and bike riding.

Donovon Collins also serves as the Director of External Agency Relations for Texas Police Trainers and as a team member of the Texas Police Trainers Instructor Development Team.

His philosophy concerning training is “When you can laugh and learn at the same time, you tend to learn better”.