



Texas Police Trainers LLC

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Mental Health Officer Course (#4201)



Course Description This class is designed to certify an individual to be a statewide resource as a mental health officer (MHO), per Texas Occupations Code 1701.404, and the TCOLE Rule §221.11. An MHO assists responding law enforcement officers determine, if and what, actions can be taken regarding the individual(s)'s 4th Amendment rights, due to the individual(s)'s incapacitation caused by their mental health crisis. This course certifies an individual 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.

This course does not certify the applicant as a mental health care expert or mental health care service provider. This class is to achieve a voluntary and elite designation. The requirements to achieve this elite and voluntary designation reflect the gravity of the duties.

Topics covered:

- Unit 1: Background and Context
- Unit 2: Legal Responsibilities
- Unit 3: Resources and Networking

Who should attend: Texas Peace Officers or Jailer

Course information:

Host Agency: Hutto Police Department

Training Location: 401 Front St, Hutto, TX 78634

Course Date: January 20-22, 2025

Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Length of course: 24 hours (Training hours will be reported by Hutto Police Department)

Cost per attendee: \$150.00

Student Equipment: Laptop and USB thumb drive required.

To register, [click here](#) or go to <https://texaspolice trainers.com/?p=32738>. You can give us a call at 512-766-0659 to pay by phone or to receive an invoice.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Austin NE – Hutto, 323 Ed Schmidt Blvd., Hutto, Texas 78634. **To receive our Corporate Discount, make your reservation through Texas Police Trainers at 512-766-0659.**

To obtain the Mental Health Officer Proficiency Certification

Student Prerequisites (TCOLE Rule §221.11)

(a) 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)

Please note: Peace officers who completed the Basic Peace Officer Course after 2019 (BPOC 1000667, 1000696, 1000720), will have both 1849 and 1850 and meet the enrollment requirements.

Instructor: Richard Bryan

Richard Bryan has been in law enforcement since 1989 and is retired as the manager in charge of the Alamo Area Regional Law Enforcement Academy in San Antonio, Texas. Additionally, he is a retired Federal Special Agent and Agent Supervisor from the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

“Rich” is a certified Texas Master Peace Officer, certified TCOLE Advanced Law Enforcement Instructor, and Police Instructor through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). Richard is a member of the Texas Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Association and due to his professional and personal knowledge and experience of various topics, he continues to actively teach crisis intervention training, de-escalation techniques, and suicide prevention to peace officers across the State of Texas. Richard earned his Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice – with a specialization in Sociology. He has received recognition from multiple law enforcement agencies for his professionalism, commitment, and dedication to law enforcement.

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE AND RELATED EDUCATION:

1995 – 2001: Leon Valley Police Department. Patrolman, Field Training Officer, and Patrol Supervisor.

2001 – 2010: Balcones Heights Police Department. Patrolman and Training Sergeant.

2006: Crisis Intervention Training – Train the Trainer

2010 – 2012: Northside ISD Police Department. Patrolman and Campus Officer at Special Education Campus (Holmgreen Campus, San Antonio).

2006 – Present: Instructor - Crisis Intervention Training (16 Hour, 8 Hour Refresher, and 40 Hour course)

2017: Curriculum Co-Developer for Intellectual and Developmental Disability Training for Peace Officers

2021 – Present: Instructor: De-Escalation Techniques

2022: Autism Certification - International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES)

