TEXAS POLICE TRAINERS LLC




## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides law enforcement professionals with the knowledge and skills to safely and effectively interact with canines during the performance of their duties. Participants will learn to recognize canine behavior, assess potential risks, and apply proper techniques to reduce the likelihood of a canine encounter escalating into an injury or use-of-force situation.

## COURSE TOPICS

- Canine behavior and body language
- Recognizing stress and aggression indicators
- High-risk situations and environmental factors
- Officer safety tactics and positioning
- Proper response during a canine encounter
- Legal considerations and liability
- Community interactions and education
- Real-world scenarios and practical applications

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is designed for Texas peace officers, jailers, telecommunicators, civilian law enforcement personnel, and other public safety professionals who may encounter canines while on duty.

**HOST AGENCY**
Central Texas Council of Government

**TRAINING LOCATION**
2180 N Main St
Belton, TX 76513

**DATE**
Thursday, January 21, 2027

**TIME**
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**COURSE LENGTH**
4 Hours
Training hours reported by CLEAT

**COST**
**$50.00**

If the participant also registers for the afternoon session, Interacting with Drivers Deaf or Hard of Hearing (#7887), the cost is discounted to $35.00 for the morning session and $35.00 for the afternoon session.

## REGISTRATION

### REGISTER ONLINE

https://texaspolicetrainers.com/?p=17624

Bundle #4065 + #7887: $35 per session.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Holiday Inn Temple-Belton**

5247 S. General Bruce Dr
Temple, Texas 76502

**BOOK YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION**

https://texaspolicetrainers.com/membership-benefits/book-your-hotel-reservation/

## About the Instructor

# Katrina DeGrate

Katrina DeGrate served as a peace officer with the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Police Department for seven years and has been a law enforcement instructor since 2022. In addition to her law enforcement experience, Katrina is a certified drone pilot and a certified Motors Police Officer, further expanding her operational and public safety expertise.

Katrina currently provides training to both law enforcement professionals and civilians in a variety of critical subject areas, including Crisis Intervention, Mental Health First Aid, Canine Encounter, Interacting with Drivers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, De-escalation Techniques, and Intermediate Child Abuse. Her instructional approach reflects both practical field experience and a strong commitment to helping officers and community members better understand communication, safety, and behavioral response strategies.

Before entering law enforcement, Katrina worked in social services with the Texas Department of State Health Services from 2008 to 2011 and with Texas Health and Human Services from 2011 to 2016. In those roles, she served as a liaison with multiple agencies, helping families navigate social, financial, and mental health challenges. This background gave Katrina a unique perspective on the needs of individuals and families from a wide range of socioeconomic circumstances and continues to influence the compassion and insight she brings to both instruction and public service.

Katrina is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree at Abilene Christian University in Child and Family Services, while also minoring in Integrated Studies with a Teaching Certification. Her educational focus complements her professional work and reinforces her passion for service, advocacy, and education.

Outside of teaching, Katrina enjoys attending church, reading, doing puzzles, and hiking.

## Instructional Qualifications & Experience

- DART Police Department - seven years as a peace officer
- Law enforcement instructor since 2022; certified drone pilot and Motors Police Officer
- Texas state health and human services experience, 2008-2016
- PERF ICAT Instructor, 2026