*To register for courses please contact Kirstie Saur*

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The following classes are being offered at the Guadalupe County Sheriff’s Office. The courses are open to all local, state and federal active and honorably retired sworn law enforcement officers, corrections officers and telecommunication officers. Unless otherwise indicated, all the courses are FREE and will be held at the Guadalupe County Sheriff’s Office,
2617 N. Guadalupe St., Seguin, Texas 78155.

**February 2023**

**Intermediate Crime Scene Search**

February 6-10, 2023 Instructor:

Class is from: TCOLE Hours

The student will learn the following about child abuse:

1. Introduction and overview of child abuse and neglect
2. Authority and responsibility in child abuse cases
3. Identifying forms of child abuse
4. Components and characteristics of child abuse
5. Investigative strategies
6. Special investigative issues

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**Intermediate Use of Force**

February 16-17, 2023 Instructor:

Class is from: TCOLE Hours:

The student will be able to obtain a thorough understanding and knowledge of the statutory laws related to the use of force. The student will be able to demonstrate on a written objective type examination an understanding of this area to a specified percentage. The student will obtain a basic overview of the terminology and concepts regarding use of force. The student will also obtain information concerning research indicating factors and situations where use of force may be likely. The student will be able to demonstrate on a written objective type examination an understanding of this area to a specified percentage. This unit will acquaint the student with various force options or alternatives available to peace officers. The student will be able to demonstrate on a written objective type examination an understanding of this area to a specified percentage. The student will be able to identify the appropriate uses of deadly force as defined by court decisions. The student will be able to identify the typical post shooting reactions by officers and their departments including psychological and investigative responses. The student will be able to demonstrate on a written objective type examination an understanding of this area to a specified percentage. This section will expose students to a myriad of legal issues that revolve around the inappropriate use of force. Legal issues that will be covered include criminal liability, civil torts, civil rights, violations, damages, attorney fees, constitutional rights, vicarious liability, legal theories, and defense strategies. The student will be able to demonstrate on a written objective type examination an understanding of this area to a specified percentage.

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**Intermediate Child Abuse**

February 28-March 2, 2023 Instructor:

Class is from: TCOLE Hours:

The student will learn the following about child abuse:

1. Introduction and overview of child abuse and neglect
2. Authority and responsibility in child abuse cases
3. Identifying forms of child abuse
4. Components and characteristics of child abuse
5. Investigative strategies
6. Special investigative issues

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**March 2023**

**Intermediate Arrest, Search & Seizure**March 7-8, 2023 Instructor: TBA
Class is from 8:00-5:00 15 TCOLE Hours

Students will advance their knowledge and understanding of the legal and logical processes and procedures regarding the detention, arrest and warrant service, and citizen’s rights in their line of duty. Students will be reminded of the reasonable expectations of citizen’s rights and privacy and the issues involving their decisions accordingly. Students will be able to make better judgment in their detention, arrest and searching of citizens and property in their line of duty.

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**Crisis Intervention**March 13-17, 2023 Instructor: Mann
Class is from 8:00-5:00 40 TCOLE Hours

* With increasing frequency, law enforcement is being called upon to respond to individuals in serious mental health crises. It is necessary for law enforcement personnel to understand mental illness, and the tactics and techniques that have been proven to work most effectively when responding to individuals in these situations. These tactics and techniques are different than those routinely taught to officers to manage conflict. Generally, the underlying elements behind mental illness-related behavior, is usually not criminal or malicious. Utilizing the information from this course, and implementing effective strategies can help keep the officer safe, keep the public safe, and greatly reduce civil liability.
* The design and goals of CIT o “The primary goal of CITs involves calming persons with mental illness who are in crisis and referring them to mental health care services, rather than incarcerating them. This goal…includes lessening injuries to officers, alleviating harm to the person in crisis, promoting decriminalization of individuals with mental illness, reducing the stigma associated with mental disorders, and using a team approach when responding to crises” (Jines, 2013).
* Crisis Intervention Training is foremost about officer safety. It is designed to educate law enforcement officers in the basic elements of specific mental illnesses and prepare them to utilize practical applications of de-escalation techniques. This training is intended to assist officers in being able to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness and to respond effectively, appropriately, and professionally.
* Educate officers on how to identify behaviors that may indicate the presence of mental illness, and provide officers with de-escalation skills to mitigate violence and increase officer and public safety.
* Provide information on how to safely transport someone in mental health crisis to an appropriate resource or facility.

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**Law Updates**March 20 & 21, 2023 Instructor: TBA
Class is from 8:00-5:00 24 TCOLE Hours

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to (“SWBAT”):

1. Recognize selected changes and updates to the Commission on Law Enforcement and applicable TCOLE rules.
2. Recall selected cases handed down by the US Supreme Court.
3. Identify selected changes and updates to the Texas Penal Code.
4. Recognize selected changes and updates to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
5. Recall selected changes and updates to the Texas Transportation Code.
6. Recognize selected changes and updates to other Texas statutes.

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**April 2023**

**De-Escalation**April 5, 2023 Instructor: Kohls
Class is from 8:00-5:00 8 TCOLE Hours

Learning Objectives

* Explain the purpose and focus of a de-escalation training to improve the response of officers to incidents that involve persons in crisis, who are behaving erratically, emphasizing that public and officer safety are at the heart of this training process.
* The critical decision-making model provides officers with an organized way of making decisions about how they will act in any situation, including that may involve uses of force.
* Incidents involving persons in crisis can have significant consequences. The ability to better evaluate the situation, slow the situation down, and de-escalate the situation whenever possible are needed skills for the officer first to arrive at the incident. Being able to lay the groundwork for a safe and successful conclusion is key.
* Today’s police officers have better equipment and technology than ever before, but the fact remains that nearly every encounter between a police officer and a member of the public starts and ends with words. Officers are safer and more effective when they use communication skills to their tactical advantage. The goal is to obtain voluntary compliance and resolve a situation without the use of force.
* No two critical incidents are exactly the same, it is not possible to teach officers a standard set of tactics that can be applied to every situation. There is no one-size-fits-all approach. But key concepts can be learned and applied. Through practice these sound tactical considerations can be applied to most non-firearms incidents.
* Through videos and scenario case-studies officers will integrate the preceding curriculum and the concepts covered to recognize critical incidents and how to respond effectively, how to use communication skills appropriately, and how to use operational safety tactics designed for critical incidents. (If utilizing ICAT model, select scenarios from module 6 that most closely apply to situational experiences in c lasses departmental areas.

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**Intermediate Spanish**April 18-20, 2023 Instructor: TBA
Class is from 8:00-5:00 20 TCOLE Hours

This course is composed of seven units and is designed build upon the skills acquired during each unit. The jump-start unit is the main focus of this course. Within the jump-start unit are critical words and phrases that the student must completely master during this course. These phrases deal with safety and command and control during responses to a potentially dangerous incident. The student must be able to leave this course being able to repeat or interpret those phrases using only recall. The other modules deal with Spanish within the context of situations the officers may find themselves in. These modules provide key phrases and words that may be used in a variety of situations. In addition, these modules attempt to refocus the student's learning back to the words and phrases identified in the Jump-Start unit.

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**May 2023**

**Missing and Exploited Children**May 9, 2023 Instructor: TBA
Class is from 8:00-12:00 4 TCOLE Hours

This course is intended as an introduction to issues related to responding to and investigating missing and exploited children cases. However, there are additional and advanced courses available on specific sub-topics included herein. Additional resources, courses, best practices, and manuals should be considered and consulted to develop a particular area of expertise. Many of the most current resources available are included or referenced herein. For statutory sections, all references to current codes have the date on which those codes were last accessed.
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**Canine Encounters #4065**
May 9, 2023 Instructor: TBA
Class is from 1:00-5:00 4 TCOLE Hours

This course is designed to give law enforcement officers an understanding on the following: Texas State Animal Laws; Recognizing and understanding canine behavior; non-lethal tools/methods/resources to avoid and defend against canine attacks; conflict avoidance, de-escalation, and use of force continuum principles; other techniques and surviving an attack & other animals in the State of Texas.

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**Asset Forfeiture #3255**
May 11, 2023 Instructor:
Class is from 2 TCOLE Hours

This course will cover the forfeiture of seized property. The student will be able to demonstrate the understanding of this area to the level required by the Texas 77th in Senate Bill 563.

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**Racial Profiling #3256**
May 11, 2023 Instructor:
Class is from 2 TCOLE Hours

The student will be able to identify the following:

* Legal aspects of racial profiling
* Logical and social arguments against racial profiling
* The elements of both inappropriate and appropriate traffic stops

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**Identity Theft #3277**
May 11, 2023 Instructor:
Class is from 1:00-5:00 2 TCOLE Hours

Learning Objectives

* The student will be able to recognize the types of identity crimes.
* The student will be able to recognize how identity crimes occur.
* The student will be able to recognize the legal aspects of identity crime.
* The student will be able to request information needed for an ID crime offense report.
* The student will be able to recognize techniques for educating victims and the public on identity crime.

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**Child Safety Check Alert List**
May 11, 2023 Instructor: Lt. Garza
Class is from 1 TCOLE Hours

The CSCAL has existed since 2005. All peace officers should be familiar with the CSCAL and the purpose of the list. The students will learn how to deal with an encounter with persons listed on the CSCAL. When an officer encounters a child or person listed on the CSCAL, they must complete proper reporting.

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**Human Trafficking #3270**
May 16, 2023 Instructor:
Class is from 8:00-12:00 4 TCOLE Hours

The purpose of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer (TCOLE) approved course, Law Enforcement Role: Human Trafficking in the State of Texas, is to increase the law enforcement communities awareness of the issues of human trafficking through the exposure of informational materials and research to include: victim identification and investigation techniques, rescue and prosecution considerations, referral and service provider availability, practical case studies to assist in building a coordinated community response and to obtain an inter-connectivity of state, federal and global human trafficking concerns.

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**Body Worn Camera #8158**
May 16, 2023 Instructor:
Class is from 1:00-3:00 2 TCOLE Hours

Learning Objectives

* A law enforcement agency that operates a body worn camera program shall adopt a policy for use of body worn cameras. Body worn cameras are activated only for a law enforcement purpose, and the policy must include guidelines for these purposes.
* Recordings as evidence. Guidelines for creation, deletion, and retention of recordings made by the use of body worn cameras.
* A member of the public is required to provide specific information when submitting a written request in obtaining information recorded by a body worn camera.
* A variety of makes and models of equipment can be utilized in the body worn camera program. Directives and explanations of equipment functions should be utilized while participating in scenario interaction.

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**Cultural Diversity**
May 18, 2023 Instructor:
Class is from 8:00-5:00 8 TCOLE Hours

This course was designated to provide the students with an understanding of the following:

1. To increase awareness of the various dimensions of diversity
2. To examines one’s own cultural diversity and how your identity impacts your relationships with others.
3. To identify generational differences and the positive outcome for the communication of those differences.
4. Gain an understanding of diversity in the workplace
5. To become aware of your beliefs about gender traits and roles.
6. To understand the premise of Law Enforcement as a Culture

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**Special Investigative Topics**
May 23, 2023 Instructor:
Class is from 8:00-5:00 8 TCOLE Hours

This course was designated to provide the officer with an understanding of the following:

1. Child abuse and neglect and those key changes within the different Texas Codes that may impact on their performance in the critical areas of child abuse.
2. Family violence and those key changes within the different Texas Codes that impact on their performance in the critical areas of family violence
3. Sexual assault and those key changes within the different Texas Codes that may impact on their performance in the critical areas of sexual assault.
4. Sex offender characteristics and those key changes within the different Texas Codes that may impact on their performance in the critical areas of sex offenders.

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