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Investigator Conference

February 5-8, 2024

San Marcos

24 hours of TCOLE (General Law 3150)

The host hotel:
Embassy Suites by Hilton
1001 E. McCarty Ln.
San Marcos, TX 78666
512/392-6450

Rooms are \$145 plus tax; this rate is good until January 15 or the block is sold out, whichever comes first.

Investigators in a prosecutor office won't want to miss TDCAA's annual Investigator Conference. This 24-hour course covers a host of topics, from a day-long class for new investigators, to training on crash reconstruction, searching and seizing cell phones, and evidence storage and disposal. This conference is also a great time to network and reconnect with colleagues across the state. Join us for four days this February in San Marcos!

Registration for this conference and other information is at tdcaa.com.

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Investigator Conference Agenda

To receive daily TCOLE credit, attendees are required to sign in each day. Sign-in sheets will be pulled prior to the first break every morning. Anyone who misses the sign-in deadline is welcome to attend training but will not receive TCOLE credit for that day. Daily TCOLE credit totals are indivisible; no partial credit will be given.

Monday, February 5 (4 hours)

- 1:00 p.m. **Welcome & Course Introduction**
Brian Klas, TDCAA Training Director, Austin
- 1:15 p.m. **Case Study: Predator on the Border**
Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney, Webb County
- 3:30 p.m. **Friendly Office Dogs**
- 4:15 p.m. **Social Media as an Investigatory Tool**
Chris Handley, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
- 5:15 p.m. **Adjourn to Opening Reception**
(provided by TDCAA)

Tuesday, February 6 (8 hours)

8:00 a.m.–5:15 p.m. New Investigator School (NIS)
Open only to investigators with less than one year of experience in a prosecutor's office. Space is limited.

- 8:00 a.m. **Collisions: Crash Reconstruction Basics**
Andrew James, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County
- 9:30 a.m. **BAC: Getting the Number**
- 11:00 a.m. **Valuable Investigator Training**
- Noon **Lunch** (provided by TDCAA)
- 1:15 p.m. **Evidence Storage & Disposal**
Mike Holley, CDA Investigator, Kaufman County
- 2:45 p.m. **Phones & the Fourth Amendment**
Caroline Dozier, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
- 4:15 p.m. **TDCJ 101**
Greg Whitley, SPU Prosecutor, Huntsville
- 5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

Thursday 1:30–5:00 p.m. Legislative Update

TDCAA will present our live Legislative Update after the Investigator Conference adjourns. It is open to anyone who'd like to attend, but it does require separate registration and payment from the Investigator Conference. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

Wednesday, February 7 (8 hours)

- 8:00 a.m. **Service of Process**
Thomas Wilson, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Smith County
- 9:30 a.m. **Protective Order Update**
Kim Piechowiak, Office of Court Administration, Austin
- 11:00 a.m. **Valuable Investigator Training**
- Noon **Lunch** (provided by TDCAA)
- 1:15 p.m. **Grand Jury Operations**
Malori Martin, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Walker County
- 2:45 p.m. **Witness Preparation for Investigators**
Trina Burkes, Ph.D., DA Investigator, Harris County, & Mike Holley, CDA Investigator, Kaufman County
- 4:15 p.m. **Case Study: Utilizing SART Resources**
Robyn Beckham & Leslie Odom, Asst. Criminal District Attorneys, Kaufman County
- 5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

Thursday, February 8 (4 hours)

- 8:00 a.m. **Discovery Update**
Caitlin McCamish, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bexar County
- 10:00 a.m. **Interdiction for the Protection of Children**
Sgt. Jake Boyd, Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin
- Noon **Adjourn**

Payment options:

- \$350 Registration** (\$175 Registration fee + \$175 Association fee): For CAs, DAs, CDAs, C&DAs, and their office personnel. The TDCAA fee of \$175 is each participant's share of costs over and above what the grant allows (for example, excess costs of on-site meals and association overhead). In addition, this fee enables TDCAA to lock in discounted hotel rates for participants and entitles them to attend all association functions, including Monday's opening reception and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- \$175 "Training Only" Registration:** For CAs, DAs, CDAs C&DAs and their office personnel. This fee does not allow an attendee to participate in receptions or lunches but entitles the attendee admittance to all training sessions.
- \$500 Registration:** For everyone else.