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Investigator School

February 4-7, 2019

24 hours of TCOLE (General Law 3150)

**The host hotel:
Omni Colonnade
9821 Colonnade Blvd.
San Antonio, TX 78230
210/691-8888**

Rooms are \$129 plus tax (good until January 14 or the block is sold out, whichever is first). Mention TDCAA to get the rate.

Texas County and District Attorney investigators routinely face law enforcement issues unique to their positions. Each year, TDCAA teams with representatives from across the state to develop training specifically designed for their special role. A week at Investigator School will help prepare even the most seasoned investigators for their daily grind, whether it's learning about threat analysis, evidence management, or crime scene photography. Additionally, this year's attendees will complete the legislatively mandated Civilian Interaction Training Program (TCOLE Course No. 30418), and those investigators in a prosecutor office less than a year can participate in New Investigator School. There's truly something for everyone.

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



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Investigator School Agenda

Monday, February 4 (4.00 hours)

1:00 p.m. Welcome and Course Introduction

Brian Klas, TDCAA Training Director, Austin

1:15 p.m. Stepping into Small Town Prosecution

Jack Choate, Executive Director, Special Prosecution Unit, Huntsville

2:45 p.m. Threat of the Lone Wolf Shooter

Matt Logan, Ph.D., HALO Forensic Behavioral Specialists

4:15 p.m. Sovereign Citizens

Dee Hobbs, County Attorney, Williamson County

5:15 p.m. Adjourn to Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)

Tuesday, February 5 (8.00 hours)

8:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m.

New Investigator School (NIS)

Open to investigators with less than one year of experience in a prosecutor's office. Applicants will be notified prior to the conference regarding acceptance into the NIS.

Vanessa Miller, Investigator, SPU; Todd Smith, CDA Investigator, Lubbock County; Paul Smithers, DA Investigator, Harris County; K. C. Breshears, CDA Investigator, Orange County; W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resources Prosecutor, Austin

8:00 a.m. Child Victims: Understanding the Evidence

Jay Lapham, Asst. District Attorney, Wise County

9:30 a.m. Child Exploitation & Social Media

Captain Brian Baxter, Department of Public Safety

11:00 a.m. Staying Off the Hook: Immunity & Liabilities

Andrea Westerfeld, Asst. County & District Attorney, Ellis County

Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)

Tuesday, February 5 (cont'd)

1:15 p.m. Being Prepared: Officer-Involved Shootings

Tiana Sanford, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County

2:45 p.m. Needles in Needle Stacks: Finding the Crucial Evidence

Darran Gabbert, CDA Investigator, Tarrant County

4:15 p.m. First Aid in the Courtroom

5:15 p.m. Adjourn

Wednesday, February 6 (8.00 hours)

8:00 a.m. Evidence Photography

Larry Melton, DA Investigator, Montgomery County

9:30 a.m. Arson Investigations

Summer Elmazi, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, & Hoyt Hoffman, CDA Investigator, Dallas County

11:00 a.m. Digital Evidence I

Todd Smith, CDA Investigator, Lubbock County

Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)

1:15 p.m. Digital Evidence II

Todd Smith, CDA Investigator, Lubbock County

2:45 p.m. Officer Down: Homicide & Suicide

Matt Logan, Ph.D., HALO Forensic Behavioral Specialists

4:15 p.m. Jury Selection

Jeff Case, DA Investigator, 46th Judicial District Attorney's Office

5:15 p.m. Adjourn

Thursday, February 7 (4.00 hours)

8:00 a.m. Carrot & the Stick: Michael Morton Act for Investigators

Moderated by: W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resources Prosecutor, Austin

10:00 a.m. Civilian Interaction Training Program (TCOLE Course No. 30418)

Paul Smithers, DA Investigator, Harris County, & Brian Klas, TDCAA Training Director, Austin

Noon Adjourn

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This program is funded by a grant from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and by the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

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 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.