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## **Border Prosecution Unit**

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# 2022 Region 1 Meeting

Sul Ross University: Pete Gallego Center, Alpine, TX

April 27<sup>th</sup> MCLE 6.25 Hours #174146790

April 27<sup>th</sup> TCOLE 6 Hours #3150 General Law

April 28<sup>th</sup> TCOLE 4 Hours #3187 Legislative Update

### **Wednesday**

- 8:15 a.m.      **Welcome & Course Introduction**  
*Border Prosecution Unit Board & Staff*
- 8:30 a.m.      **Understanding and Working with Federal Partners Along the Border**  
*Austin Skero, BPU Investigator 452<sup>nd</sup> District Attorney*
- 9:30 a.m.      **Break**
- 9:45 a.m.      **Investigative Strategies for Human Trafficking and Smuggling Cases**  
*Connie Spence, Megan Pepper and Talisa Gutierrez, Texas Office of the Attorney General, Human Trafficking & Transnational/Organized Crime Section*
- 10:45 a.m.     **Break**
- 11:00 a.m.     **Investigative Strategies for Human Trafficking and Smuggling Cases (continued)**  
*Connie Spence, Megan Pepper and Talisa Gutierrez, Texas Office of the Attorney General, Human Trafficking & Transnational/Organized Crime Section*
- Noon            **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m.      **Investigative Strategies for Human Trafficking and Smuggling Cases (continued)**  
*Connie Spence, Megan Pepper, and Talisa Gutierrez, Texas Office of the Attorney General, Human Trafficking & Transnational/Organized Crime Section*

- 2:15 p.m.      **Break**
- 2:30 p.m.      **Investigating an Organized Criminal Activity Case**  
*Alison Buess, Assistant District Attorney, Comal County*
- 3:30 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:45 p.m.      **Investigating an Organized Criminal Activity Case (continued)**  
*Alison Buess, Assistant District Attorney, Comal County*
- 5:00 p.m.      **Adjourn**

**Thursday**

- 8:00 a.m.      **87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Update – TCOLE #3187 Mandated Course**  
*Melissa Hightower, Retired Chief Investigator, Williamson County Attorney's office; Terese Buess, Retired Prosecutor, Ft. Bend County D.A.'s office*
- 9:45 a.m.      **Break**
- 10:00 a.m.     **87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Update – TCOLE #3187 Mandated Course**  
*Melissa Hightower, Retired Chief Investigator, Williamson County Attorney's office; Terese Buess, Retired Prosecutor, Ft. Bend County D.A.'s office*
- 12:15 p.m.     **Adjourn**