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Worst Case Scenario: Impaired Driving Crashes from Crash to Courtroom for police and prosecutors

Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA) in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation

There is no worse place to investigate a homicide than in the middle of a busy road in the middle of the night. Yet Texas has thousands of such crime scenes every year. Investigating and prosecuting these cases is no easy task. Once the scene is cleared, you can never go back and revisit it, so conducting a full investigation in the moment is key to the criminal case. This course is a survey of common investigative and legal issues in impaired-driving prosecutions. Great focus is placed on the responsibilities of the first investigating officer and how his actions form the case's foundations for crash investigators, the grand jury, and the prosecutor preparing to try the case. Information on basic scene preservation, evidence preservation, scene documentation, witness interviews, crash reconstruction, blood evidence collection, and dealing with victims will all be included. This course is designed for prosecutors new to intoxication manslaughter cases and officers new to impaired-driving crash investigations—yet it is also a great review and update for officers and prosecutors well-versed in these cases. We are proud to offer 6 hours of TCOLE and CLE credit free of charge for this important training.

WHEN: Friday, August 20, 2021

WHERE: Jury Assembly Room, Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Oak St., in Abilene

- 8:15 a.m. Registration
- 8:40 a.m. Securing the Crime Scene
- 9:40 a.m. Break
- 9:50 a.m. Investigating, Documenting and Presenting the Crime Scene
- 10:50 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Suspects as a Crime Scene
- Noon Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15 p.m. Gathering and Presenting Blood and/or Breath Evidence
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:25 p.m. Post Scene Investigations
- 3:25 p.m. Break
- 3:35 p.m. Punishment and Victim Issues
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn



Registration for this seminar is available only online at www.tdcaa.com/training. Because space may be limited and walk-ins may not be admitted, please register online promptly. In addition to this excellent free training, every attendee will receive two TDCAA publications: *DWI Investigation & Prosecution* and *Traffic Stops*. These books give attendees resources in many areas not covered by this seminar.

