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Investigator Conference

January 31–February 3, 2022

24 hours of TCOLE (General Law 3150)

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

Rooms are \$139 plus tax (good until January 11 or the block is sold out, whichever is first). Mention code TDC to get this rate.

Texas County and District Attorney investigators routinely face law enforcement issues unique to their positions. Each year, TDCAA teams up with representatives from across the state to develop training specifically designed for their special role. A week at our Investigator Conference will help prepare even the most seasoned investigators for their daily grind, whether it's learning about conviction integrity, officer-involved shootings, or preparing digital evidence for trial. There's truly something for everyone.

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



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Investigator Conference Agenda

Monday, January 31 (4.00 hours)

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Course Introduction**
Brian Klas, TDCAA Training Director, Austin
- 1:15 p.m. Running a Complex Crime Scene**
Wesley Doolittle, Texas Ranger, Department of Public Safety
- 3:00 p.m. Conviction Integrity**
Amy Byrum, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, & Jose Hernandez, CDA Investigator, Tarrant County
- 4:15 p.m. Emoji Crime: Social Media Update**
Paul Mohler, Attorney General Training Coordinator, & Jessica Garcia, Criminal Intel Analyst, Austin
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn to Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)**

Tuesday, February 1 (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.

- 8:00 a.m. Officer-Involved Shooting: A Practical Guide**
- 9:30 a.m. Identification & Prosecution of Gangs**
Doug Millican, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Collin County, & Det. Jabari Howard, Dallas Police Department
- Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)**
- 1:15 p.m. Labor Trafficking**
Det. Joseph Scaramucci, McLennan County Sheriff's Office

Tuesday, February 1 (cont'd)

- 2:45 p.m. Preparing Digital Evidence for Trial I**
Tuan Pham & Nathan Gates, DA Investigators, Harris County
- 4:15 p.m. Preparing Digital Evidence for Trial II**
Matthew Grey, DA Investigator, Harris County, & Randall Jennings, Special Agent, Houston
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn**

Wednesday, February 2 (8.00 hours)

- 8:00 a.m. Border Crime Today**
Austin Skero, DA Investigator, Mason County
- 9:30 a.m. Trends in Sex Trafficking**
Johna Stallings, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
- 11:00 a.m. Modern Witness Logistics**
Fox Whitworth, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Hays County
- Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)**
- 1:15 p.m. Aggressive Assertions of Rights Forum**
Moderated by W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin; Panelists: KC Breshears, Tommy Henry, and Joe Medrano
- 2:45 p.m. Gaining Compliance in Discovery**
Tanisha Manning, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
- 4:15 p.m. Courtroom Testimony in Practice**
Tom Brummett, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Lubbock County
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn**
- ## Thursday, February 3 (4.00 hours)
- 8:00 a.m. Vicarious & Secondary Trauma**
Darrel Turner, Forensic Psychologist, Montgomery County
- 10:00 a.m. Case Study: State v. Vickie Dawn Jackson**
Kevin Benton, County Judge, & Chris Hamilton, DA Investigator, Montague County
- 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 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.

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