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# Investigator Conference

## August 9–12, 2021

**24 hours of TCOLE (General Law 3150)**

**The host hotel:  
Hilton Dallas/Rockwall  
2055 Summer Lee Dr.  
Rockwall, TX 75032  
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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 digital multimedia forensics, mental health investigations, or self-care for law enforcement. There's truly something for everyone.

**Registration for this seminar and other information is at [tdcaa.com](http://tdcaa.com).**

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# Investigator Conference Agenda

## Monday, August 9 (4.00 hours)

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Course Introduction**  
*Rob Kepple, TDCAA Executive Director, Austin*
- 1:15 p.m. COVID Debrief**  
*Kenda Culpepper, Criminal District Attorney, Rockwall County*
- 2:15 p.m. Law Enforcement Self-Care**  
*Moderated by Trina Burkes, DA Investigator, Harris County*
- 3:45 p.m. Posthumous Pursuit: Case Study**  
*Steve Ainsworth, DA Investigator, Denver, CO*
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn**

## Tuesday, August 10 (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. Digital Multimedia Forensics**  
*Melissa Kimbrell, Forensic Scientist, DPS Crime Lab*
- 10:45 a.m. Tech Evidence Retrieval & Use**  
*Tim Slusher, Digital Evidence Curator, Montgomery County*
- Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)**
- 1:15 p.m. Electronic Tracking**  
*Paul Thomson, Asst. District Attorney, & Fred Gutierrez, DA Investigator, Webb County*
- 2:45 p.m. Trends in Domestic Violence Investigation & Prosecution**  
*Echo Hutson, Asst. District Attorney, Montgomery County*
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn**

## Wednesday, August 11 (8.00 hours)

- 8:00 a.m. Crime Scene Mapping**  
*Jason Keller, Special Agent, NCIS*
- 9:30 a.m. Mental Health Investigations**  
*Michele Oncken, Asst. District Attorney, & Trina Burkes, DA Investigator, Harris County*
- Noon Lunch (provided by TDCAA)**
- 1:15 p.m. Search Warrant Update**  
*Phil Hall, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Bastrop County*
- 2:45 p.m. Prosecuting Amber Guyger: Case Study**  
*Jason Hermus, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, & Tommy LeNoir, CDA Investigator, Dallas County*
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn**

## Thursday, August 12 (4.00 hours)

- 8:00 a.m. Investigators as Ambassadors**  
*Moderated by Kim Laseter, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Collin County*
- 10:00 a.m. Cognitive & Emotional Interviewing**  
*Mary Daugherty, Special Agent (ret'd), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, & Tab W. Cooper LLC, Training Consultant, Proactive Leadership–Analytic Interviewing*
- Noon Adjourn**

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### **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.