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Investigator Conference

January 30–February 2, 2023
Fort Worth

24 hours of TCOLE credit in General Law (#3150)

**The host hotel:
Radisson Fossil Creek
2540 Meacham Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX 76106
877/612-4486**

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\$129 plus tax (good
until January 8 or the
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whichever is first).
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this rate.*

An investigator's role is broad in scope and varied in purpose, and their training needs are just as broad and varied. Tailor-made for our investigator membership, this course covers an array of helpful topics. Attendees will hear from experts on high-tech search warrants, criminal discovery, cold case investigations, and much more. Don't miss this exciting week—TDCAA's 2023 Investigator's Conference is open for registration.

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

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Investigator Conference Agenda

Monday, January 30 (4 hours)

- 1:00 p.m. **Welcome & Course Introduction**
Brian Klas, TDCAA Training Director, Austin
- 1:15 p.m. **Cold Case Investigations**
Brandon Bess, Texas Ranger, Department of Public Safety, Austin
- 2:45 p.m. **Case Study: Double Murder & Digital Trails**
Sgts. Teddy Hilyar & Jason Laughlin, Orange Police Department
- 4:15 p.m. **Case Study (cont'd)**
- 5:15 p.m. **Adjourn to Opening Reception (provided by TDCAA)**

Tuesday, January 31 (8 hours)

8:00 a.m.–5:15 p.m. New Investigator School
Open only 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. **TEA Investigations**
Daniel Berumen, Intake Manager, & Tina Farrell, Investigations Manager, Texas Education Agency
- 9:30 a.m. **Tech Warrants**
Katherine McDaniel, First Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Kendall County
- 11:00 a.m. **Child Fatality Investigations**
Gilbert Sawtelle, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County
- Noon **Lunch (provided by TDCAA)**
- 1:15 p.m. **Public Integrity Investigations**
Brad Weatherford, Texas Ranger, Department of Public Safety, Austin
- 2:45 p.m. **Investigation: The Austin Bombings**
Agents Travis Gates & David Taylor, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms
- 4:15 p.m. **Investigation (cont'd)**
- 5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

Wednesday, February 1 (8 hours)

- 8:00 a.m. **Sexually Violent Predators**
Jacklyn Janis, Special Prosecution Unit, Huntsville
- 9:30 a.m. **DPS Crime Lab: Blood Toxicology**
DPS Crime Laboratory Analyst & W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin

Wednesday, February 1 (cont'd)

- 11:00 a.m. **DPS Crime Lab: Intoxilyzer 9000**
DPS Crime Laboratory Analyst & W. Clay Abbott, TDCAA DWI Resource Prosecutor, Austin
- Noon **Lunch (provided by TDCAA)**
- 1:15 p.m. **Discovery & MMA Update**
Mark Hanna, Asst. District Attorney, Fort Bend County
- 2:45 p.m. **Case Study: A Family Slain**
Rogelio Soto, Asst. District Attorney, Webb County
- 4:15 p.m. **Case Study (cont'd)**
- 5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

Thursday, February 2 (4 hours)

- 8:00 a.m. **Secondary Trauma**
- 10:00 a.m. **Threat Assessment Panel**
Moderated by Gale Echols, DA Investigator, Montgomery County
Panelists: K.C. Breshears, DA Investigator, Orange County; Trina Burkes, Ph.D., DA Investigator, Harris County, & Mike Holley, CDA Investigator, Kaufman County
- 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.