

House Select Committee on Mental Health

Interim Hearing, June 2, 2016

10:00 a.m., E2.016

Members:

Representative Four Price, Chair	Representative Andrew Murr
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Representative Greg Bonnen	Representative Kenneth Sheets
Representative Garnet Coleman	Representative Senfronia Thompson
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To be addressed:

- Invited testimony related to mental/behavioral health care services in Texas. Subject matters for testimony include, but are not limited to, health insurance plans and law enforcement/criminal justice.

Current Statistics:

76433	Peace Officer License
170	Reserve Officer License
23273	Jailer License
2351	Temporary Jailer License
100	Sheriffs with Jailer License
9265	Telecommunications Operator License
1140	Temporary Telecommunications Operator License

Peace Officers

- Peace officers go through a minimum of 643 hours for their basic licensing course.
- This includes 16 hours of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).
- The CIT course includes training on how to identify a person in crisis, and techniques to calm them and deescalate the situation.
 - Added in 2005 by SB 1473 by Senator Jon Lindsay.
 - Applies to all officers within 2 years of licensure or to obtain an intermediate proficiency certificate.
- They also have the opportunity to obtain a Mental Health Officer proficiency certificate. This is obtained through a 40-hour course.
- There are 6,256 peace officers with a Mental Health Officer certificate (up 528 since September)
- We have a committee in the process of reviewing all of the material currently contained in the Basic Peace Officer Course and making any necessary updates.
- This includes incorporating some of the legislation that passed during the 84th session, such as training on how to respond to situations involving persons with Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injury and Trauma Affected Veterans.
- The committee will certainly be looking at the current CIT course and seeing if training on mental health issues needs to be increased or improved, and have brought in mental

health experts from Texas Council of Community Centers and DPS's Division of Victim and Employee Support Services, to provide subject matter expertise.

- The Basic Peace Officer Course also includes sections on Professional Policing and Professionalism and Ethics. In both of these sections, officers are trained on police-community relations and interacting with the public.

Jailers

- TCOLE is also responsible for licensing all county jailers.
- The basic licensing course for jailers is a minimum of 96 hours.
- During the basic jailer course:
 - 2 hours of Suicide Detection and Prevention
 - 3 hours of Persons with Mental Impairments (includes information on illnesses and diseases such as Alzheimer's, schizophrenia, and PTSD)
- Jailers also have the opportunity to obtain a Mental Health Officer proficiency certificate, and 2,144 have done so. This is a 34% increase since September.
- There is also a Jail curriculum update committee to begin in June. A representative from the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments (TCCOOMI) as well as a representative from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards who have been working with TCCOOMI and its Advisory Council to update the jail suicide screening and its processes.
- To obtain an intermediate proficiency certificate, jailers must also go through:
 - Suicide Detection and Prevention
 - Interpersonal Communications in the Jail Setting

643-HOUR BASIC PEACE OFFICER COURSE

(Revised January 2013)

In accordance with Commission regulations, the Basic Peace Officer Course shall consist of a minimum of 643 classroom hours and shall include, but not be limited to, the subjects set forth below. This is the recommended sequence for teaching the course. Academies may change the sequence, if necessary.

#	SUBJECT	HOURS
	Introduction and Orientation	2
1.	Fitness and Wellness, and Stress Management	16
2.	Professional Policing	8
3.	Professionalism and Ethics	8
4.	U.S. & Texas Constitutions, Bill of Rights, and Criminal Justice System	8
5.	Multiculturalism and Human Relations	10
6.	Code of Criminal Procedure	20
7.	Arrest, Search, and Seizure	28
8.	Penal Code	44
9.	Traffic	68
10.	Intoxicated Driver and SFST	24
11.	Civil Process	8
12.	Alcoholic Beverage Code	4
13.	Health and Safety Code – Controlled Substances Act	12
14.	Family Code – Juvenile Issues	10
15.	Written Communications	16
16.	Spanish	16
17.	Force Options	24
18.	Mechanics of Arrest	40
19.	Firearms	48
20.	Emergency Medical Assistance	16
21.	Emergency Communications	12
22.	Professional Police Driving	32
23.	Communication and Problem Solving	16
24.	Patrol/Consular Notification	42
25.	Victims of Crime 10	
26.	Family Violence and Related Assaultive Offenses	20
27.	Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and Mental Health Code	16
28.	Hazardous Materials Awareness 6	
29.	Criminal Investigation	44
	<u>Including:</u> Introduction, General, Protection of and Crime Scene Search, Interviewing Techniques, Booking Procedures, Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony, Case Management	
30.	Racial Profiling	4
31.	Asset Forfeiture	4
32.	Identity Crimes	4
33.	TCLEOSE Rules Overview 3	
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TOTAL HOURS		643

TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

96 - Hour Basic County Jailer Course

Effective January 1, 2005

Revised September 2010

In accordance with the Commission Rules and Regulations, the Basic County Jailer Course shall consist of a minimum of 96 classroom hours, and shall include, but not be limited to, the topics set forth.

TOPIC	HOURS
Introduction and Orientation	2
1.0 History and Jail Concepts	1
2.0 Ethics	1.5
3.0 Human Relations	2
4.0 Cultural Awareness and Civil Rights	3
5.0 Sexual Harassment	1.5
6.0 Officer Stress	2
7.0 Booking Procedures and Orientation	3
8.0 Admission Documents and Procedures	3
9.0 Searches	4
10.0 Inventory	1
11.0 Identification Procedures	3
12.0 Inmate Money Account	1
13.0 Issuance of Inmate Supplies	1
14.0 Classification of Inmates	3
15.0 Suicide Screening and Prevention	2
16.0 Persons with Mental Impairments	3
17.0 Health Records & Services	2
18.0 Communicable Diseases	2
19.0 Legal Aspects of Use of Force	4
20.0 Basic Defensive Tactics	6
21.0 Uncooperative/Violent Inmates	2
22.0 Disruptive Groups	4
23.0 Inmate's Rights	3
24.0 Inmate Discipline	2
25.0 Grievances	1
26.0 Liability	3
27.0 Mandated Activities	1
28.0 Food Services	1
29.0 Inmate Visitation	1
30.0 Inmate Correspondence	2
31.0 Headcounts & Facility Security	4
32.0 Hostage Situations	3
33.0 Emergency Procedures	3
34.0 Inmate Transportation	2
35.0 Investigations	2
36.0 Report Writing	6
37.0 Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony	1
38.0 Release	4

Total Hours: 96