

Impacts of Texas Regional Law Enforcement Training Academies

For more than 40 years, regional councils of governments (COGs) have played a critical role in ensuring law enforcement officers across the state receive the training necessary to protect and serve the citizens of Texas.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING SERVICES

During the FY 14/15 Biennium, 23 of the 24 regional councils of governments (COGs) were actively involved with providing current and aspiring law enforcement officers training services in their region. Of these 23:

13 COGs (54%)

contracted with community colleges, local law enforcement agencies or independent instructors to deliver the trainings.

8 COGs (33%)

staffed and operated their own regional law enforcement training academy.

2 COGs (9%)

used funds to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for applicable training costs.



\$7,686,297

In FY 14/15, 23 COGs received \$7,686,297 in appropriations through CJD to support regional law enforcement training services. **With this funding:**



64,897

current or aspiring law enforcement officers received training.



2,583,192

hours of law enforcement training provided.



\$2.98

average cost per hour.

For many of the state's local law enforcement agencies, these regional training services provide **the only local and affordable means available** to meet mandated training requirements and maintain qualified officers.

EXAMPLES OF TRAINING SERVICES OFFERED



Trainings offered by regional law enforcement training academies and their partners include:

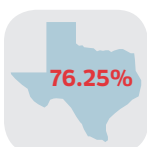
- Basic Peace Officer Training
- Correctional Officer/Jailer Training
- Community-Oriented Policing
- Basic Criminal Investigation
- Crime Scene Search
- Proper Use of Emerging Technologies (e.g., body worn cameras)
- Human Trafficking
- Missing and Exploited Children
- Mental Health Peace Officer Training
- Interacting with Drivers Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Use of Arrest and Ground Control Tactics
- Arrest, Search & Seizure
- The Use of Social Media to Engage and Educate the Public
- Basic Instructor Course
- New Supervisor's Course
- Canine Encounters

FUNDING TRAINING SERVICES

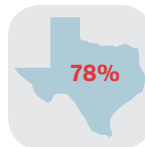


The primary source of funding used to provide these trainings comes from the State Criminal Justice Planning Account No. 421, a trusted program within the Office of the Governor. This account is funded through court costs and fees which are appropriated by the legislature each biennium and administered through the Officer of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT



Approximately 76.25% of all TCOLE-licensed officers in the state of Texas received their basic training certification from a regional law enforcement training academy.



More than 78% of all TCOLE-licensed officers in the state of Texas attended at least one in-service training course delivered at a regional law enforcement training academy in FY14/15.

1. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
2. South Plains Association of Governments
3. Nortex Regional Planning Commission
4. North Central Texas Council of Governments
5. Ark-Tex Council of Governments
6. East Texas Council of Governments
7. West Central Texas Council of Governments
8. Rio Grande Council of Governments
9. Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
10. Concho Valley Council of Governments
11. Heart of Texas Council of Governments
12. Capital Area Council of Governments

13. Brazos Valley Council of Governments
14. Deep East Texas Council of Governments
15. South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
16. Houston-Galveston Area Council
17. Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission
18. Alamo Area Council of Governments
19. South Texas Development Council
20. Coastal Bend Council of Governments
21. Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
22. Texoma Council of Governments
23. Central Texas Council of Governments
24. Middle Rio Grande Development Council

