Forensics in the Classroom
School Educator Program

Overview

The Texas Forensic Science Academy of TEEX is establishing training courses specifically for school educators of forensics and criminal justice classes. Educators may also attain a Forensic Educator Certificate through the Academy after successful completion of the certificate requirements. This certificate reflects 144 hours of specialized training in forensics.

Goal

Provide a professional development opportunity for school educators of forensics and criminal justice classes. This application-driven training will present new skills to less experienced educators and enhance the skills of the more experienced. Upon successful completion of each training phase, participants will receive:

- A copy of presented material
- Rubrics for class activities of classroom training
- An activity packet from each training phase, upon completion

Benefits

- Professional development
- TEA credit
- TCOLE credit, if needed
- Course alignment with TEKS objectives
- Learn/enhance skills for class implementation

Certificate Requirements

- Two tiers of training with multiple phases in each tier (each phase is 24 hours)
  - Tier 1: Crime Scene Processes & Field Skills (Phase I & II)
  - Tier 2: Laboratory Practices in Forensic Science (Phase I & II)
- TEEX e-Learning courses (Participants will receive course guides for each course.)
  - Foundations of Fingerprint Comparison (16 hrs)
  - Foundations of Forensic Photography (16 hrs)
  - Foundations of Courtroom Testimony (16 hrs)

(Ideally, participants would complete the e-Learning courses prior to classroom training. However, the e-Learning courses are not prerequisites.)