

## **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 I: 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.)*