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EMERGENCY MENTAL-HEALTH RESPONSE TRAINING



# EMERGENCY DETENTION ORDER (#8882)

## 8-HOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Emergency Detention Order Course (#8882) is an eight-hour continuing-education course designed to help Texas peace officers make lawful, informed, and defensible decisions when responding to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

Throughout the course, you will learn how to recognize behavioral indicators associated with common mental health conditions, assess crisis situations, identify suicide and violence-risk factors, and distinguish a mental health emergency from criminal conduct.

Participants will examine the legal authority governing emergency detention under Health and Safety Code Chapter 573, including warrantless apprehension, magistrate-issued warrants, the Peace Officer's Notification of Emergency Detention, transportation requirements, hospital and facility handoff responsibilities, and the importance of clear, fact-based documentation.

The course also provides practical communication and de-escalation tools, including active listening, tactical transparency, the 80/20 rule, and a Three-Point assessment designed to help officers build rapport, reduce tension, and determine the most appropriate course of action.

Officers will also explore voluntary treatment options, criminal diversion, Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act considerations, suicide prevention, and strategies for improving mental health awareness and reducing stigma within the law enforcement profession.

Through guided discussion and practical exercises, participants will leave better prepared to recognize when emergency detention criteria are met, select an appropriate disposition, articulate the facts supporting their decision, and help connect individuals in crisis with appropriate care whenever possible.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Patrol officers, deputies, constables, school-based officers, supervisors, mental-health officers, and other law-enforcement personnel who may respond to behavioral-health emergencies.

### STUDENT EQUIPMENT/MATERIAL REQUIREMENT

- Laptop or tablet

## EVENT DETAILS

### HOST AGENCY

Central Texas Council of Government

### TRAINING LOCATION

2180 N Main St
Belton, TX 76513

### TRAINING DATE / TIME

November 9, 2026
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### HOTEL INFORMATION

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Temple - Medical Center Area
2609 South 39th Street
Temple, Texas 76504

**Click here to book your hotel.**

### TCOLE CREDIT

8 hours (Training hours will be reported by CLEAT).

### TUITION

$75.00

### REGISTER ONLINE

https://texaspolicetrainers.com/?p=56547

# INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY

## ERIC FOX

MENTAL-HEALTH OFFICER • CRISIS NEGOTIATOR • TCOLE INSTRUCTOR

### CURRENT ROLES

- Law Enforcement Liaison, Central Counties Services
- Reserve Mental Health Officer, Gatesville Police Department
- More than 31 years of public-safety service

### CREDENTIALS

- Master Peace Officer License
- TCOLE Instructor Certification
- Mental Health Officer Certification
- Crisis Negotiator Certification
- Texas CIT Association 2022 Mental Health Professional of the Year

### B.A.A.S. CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Texas A&M University-Central Texa

## PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

Eric Fox is a highly experienced law-enforcement professional, mental-health officer, crisis negotiator, and TCOLE instructor with more than 31 years of public-safety service. He currently serves as the Law Enforcement Liaison for Central Counties Services, the Local Mental Health Authority serving Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, and Milam Counties. In this role, Eric works with law-enforcement agencies to strengthen responses to mental-health-related calls, connect individuals with appropriate services, support diversion efforts, and provide specialized mental-health training.

Eric also serves as a Reserve Mental Health Officer with the Gatesville Police Department. His responsibilities include assisting officers during mental-health encounters, reviewing and tracking mental-health-related calls, conducting follow-up contacts, and helping community members connect with treatment and support resources.

Eric began his law-enforcement career with the Killeen Police Department in 1994. During 20 years of service, he worked as a patrol officer, Youth Services detective, patrol sergeant, watch commander, and division commander. In 2004, he was recognized as Detective of the Year by the Killeen Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. He also served on the department's Crisis Negotiations Team from 2000 to 2009 as both a negotiator and team supervisor.

Following retirement from the Killeen Police Department, Eric joined the Coryell County Sheriff's Office and served in the Crisis Intervention Unit. He was promoted to corporal and then sergeant, supervising the unit until retiring from the agency in 2021. His work included responding to people experiencing mental-health crises, supporting jail-diversion efforts, and helping individuals obtain treatment instead of becoming unnecessarily involved in the criminal justice system.

With more than 11 years of specialized law-enforcement mental-health experience, Eric has extensive expertise in crisis intervention, de-escalation, emergency detention, mental-health diversion, jail-based mental-health response, and collaboration between law enforcement and behavioral-health providers. In 2022, the Texas CIT Association named him Mental Health Professional of the Year.

A TCOLE instructor since 2000, Eric has taught crisis and first-responder negotiations, crisis intervention, mental-health response, de-escalation, emergency detention, and Mental Health First Aid courses to peace officers and jailers throughout Texas. His education also includes associate degrees in Criminal Justice and Radio and Television Broadcasting from Central Texas College. Eric is a member of the Texas CIT Association, Texas Municipal Police Association, and Judicial Commission on Mental Health Collaborative Council.

## INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERTISE & CURRENT COURSES

Crisis intervention • De-escalation • Emergency detention • Mental-health diversion
Jail-based mental-health response • Crisis and first-responder negotiations

- Mental Health Officer - #4201
- Crisis Intervention Training - #1850
- Mental Health Training for Jailers - #4900
- De-escalation Techniques - #1849
- Emergency Detention 101 - #3151
- Mental Health First Aid - #8816

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