

## 146<sup>th</sup> Sheriffs' Association of Texas Training Conference

### Breakout Sessions

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Each two-hour breakout session will be repeated once. Two hours of TCOLE training credit is available for each course.

#### Room 201

##### Solving Jail Staffing through High School TCOLE Credit Program

This course will provide details of an innovative program instituted in partnership between the Smith County Sheriff's Office, the Tyler ISD Career Technology Center, and TCOLE, that allows interested high school students to complete a detention officer curriculum program and achieve a jailer license upon graduation facilitating their move straight into the workforce. The program started in early 2022 when Smith County had more than 50 jailer vacancies. Today they have zero vacancies.

Presenters: Chief Deputy Jimmy Jackson, Smith County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Director Cullen Grissom, TCOLE

#### Room 202

##### Critical Incidents and Officer Wellness

Pain is inevitable, Suffering is optional. When becoming a deputy, there is an understanding that the job is going to come with some pain. Pain can be stress, trauma, mandated overtime, missed birthdays, missed Little League games, and more. Suffering comes in the form of beating yourself up internally, "I should have done this"; avoiding people, places, and things - "I used to like concerts, now they're overwhelming"; finding solace in a bottle because "talking about it will never work anyway". And that is not what you signed up for. We can reduce suffering by deploying stress mitigation tactics such as exercise, therapy, recalibrating mindset, and more. There is a way out of cumulative trauma and post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI)—you just have to make the decision to walk that path. This presentation will discuss where PTSI comes from, what it looks like in ourselves and in our colleagues, and what we can do about it.

Presenter: Dr. Cherlynn Lee, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (CA)

#### Room 203

##### "Why We Fight"

"Why We Fight: Dope, Terror and the 'War on Drugs'" is a two-hour presentation designed to demonstrate the commonalities between drug trafficking organizations and terrorist groups around the world and how U.S. drug demand fuels both across the globe. Brief explanations of terrorist organizations such as the Colombian FARC and the Afghan Taliban are used to show how similar their methods of operation are to Mexican Cartels operating in the United States, and further, how they all utilize co-ethnic proxies in gangs and extended organizational cells to prey upon Americans here at home. The course also dispels, with blistering clarity, the various myths constantly peddled by drug legalizers and their willing accomplices in the media that the so-called war on drugs has "failed." Lastly, the implications to the safety of U.S. law enforcement personnel—and our society—is illustrated with unambiguous and powerful examples.

Presenter: Jeffrey Stamm, DEA (ret.)

Room 204

SAKI and Cold Case DNA Investigations

This training will discuss Texas Government Code §411.1471, commonly referred to as the arrestee DNA law. Training will also be provided on other statutes that pertain to the collection of lawfully owed DNA. The collection of lawfully owed DNA will expand the state DNA database, and these efforts may assist in the investigation and prosecution of cold cases in the state of Texas. In addition, cold case studies on CODIS familial searches and forensic genetic genealogy will be presented to illustrate how advanced DNA testing methodologies may yield leads on cold cases.

Presenters: Texas Ranger Lt. Trampas Gooding, DPS and Orlando Salinas, Jr., SAKI DNA Collection Coordinator, DPS