



To the Administrator Addressed

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| DATE: | September 29, 2022 |
| SUBJECT: | School-Based Law Enforcement |
| CATEGORY: | Information |
| NEXT STEPS: | Share with appropriate ESC and district staff |

Overview:

In a [letter from Governor Abbott](#) dated June 2, 2022, the Commissioner of Education was charged with developing strategies to encourage school districts to increase the presence of trained law enforcement officers and school marshals on campuses. To inform planning efforts

[TEC 37.205 EDUCATION CODE CHAPTER 37. DISCIPLINE; LAW AND ORDER \(texas.gov\)](http://www.texas.gov)

the physical premises of a school, but only: (1) in the manner provided by written regulations adopted by the board of trustees or the governing body; and (2) at a specific school specified by the board of trustees or governing body.

- Contact TCOLE (schoolmarshal@tcole.texas.gov or 512-936-7373) to learn more about the school marshal application process and determine training guidelines/availability. Their staff can also provide information regarding (and assist with applying for) grants available to help with Marshal Program costs.
- Requirements for marshal candidates include:
 - a. Employee of a school district
 - b. Possess a current firearm license to carry (LTC)
 - c. Approved by the governing body
 - d. Pass a psychological examination ([TCOLE L3](#))
 - e. Complete the 80-hour Marshal course
 - f. Submit the School Marshal Appointment form and fee
 - g. Complete 16-hour renewal course every 2 years

[Register for the October 14, 2022 webinar](#) overviewing Marshal Program start up and best practices.

Webinar will start at 12:00 noon; registration is required to

join. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6FbrJuDTQZiJ5-ML6wSDNA

Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT):

Effective September 30, 2022, ALERRT's Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training will be available at all regional education service centers (ESCs). For information regarding this valuable training, please contact your ESC. Additionally the free e-learning module for CRASE Training of Trainers is available at: [Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training: CRASE \(alerrt.org\)](#).