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TCOLE Shuts Down Lone Star College Law Enforcement Academy

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) today notified the Lone Star College System that the training contract under which it has operated a law enforcement academy has been suspended effective immediately, and will be cancelled in ten days. Law enforcement academies in Texas operate under delegated authority through a contract with TCOLE, which is charged by the Texas Legislature with establishing “minimum standards relating to competence and reliability, including education, training, physical, mental, and moral standards” for law enforcement personnel in Texas.

Following a complaint by a cadet at the academy, TCOLE’s Enforcement Division conducted an investigation into the Lone Star College District Law Enforcement Academy’s operations. This investigation revealed several violations of TCOLE’s administrative rules and Lone Star College’s training contract. These violations include:

- Cadets who were released from the academy by academy personnel for bad conduct were reinstated by college administration;
- The college did not properly vet its instructors;
- Academy personnel were instructed by college administration not to have contact with, or report any information to, the Commission, which is a direct violation of any TCOLE training contract.

The Lone Star College District Law Enforcement Academy was previously suspended from July 2013 until January 2015, following findings that the academy had allowed a cadet to complete the course and obtain a peace officer license without actually undergoing instruction in several components of the basic peace officer course.

The 36 currently enrolled cadets will complete the basic peace officer course under TCOLE’s supervision. TCOLE is actively coordinating with area law enforcement agencies to supply instructors for the remaining courses.

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