

HOUSE BILL NO. 1009

Chapter 1701 Texas Occupations Code, 83rd Legislature 2013.

Sec.1701.260.(c). The training program shall include 80 hours of instruction designed to:

- (1) Emphasize strategies for preventing school shootings and for securing the safety of potential victims of school shootings;
- (2) Educate a trainee about legal issues relating to the duties of peace officers and the use of force or deadly force in the protection of others;
- (3) Introduce the trainee to effective law enforcement strategies and techniques;
- (4) Improve the trainee's proficiency with a handgun; and
- (5) Enable the trainee to respond to an emergency situation requiring deadly force, such as a situation involving an active shooter.

RESOURCES:

For more information about school marshals, visit:

- Texas Legislature Online (HB 1009):
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=83R&Bill=HB1009>
- TCOLE website:
<http://www.tcole.texas.gov/content/school-marshals>

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WHAT IS A SCHOOL MARSHAL?

School districts across Texas now have the option of training selected employees to be armed marshals. These marshals will serve to protect students from armed intruders in accordance with HB 1009. Individuals participating in this newly designed program will be a current district employee and already possess a current concealed handgun license. This training gives school districts another option for protection of students.

WHO CAN BE A SCHOOL MARSHAL?

- A current employee of a school district or an open-enrollment charter school,
- has a current concealed handgun license,
- appointed by the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body.

WHAT ARE THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS?

Participants will be required to complete an 80-hour training through an academy licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. This training will include topics in physical security, use of force and legal liability, firearms training, and law enforcement strategies and techniques.

HOW DO I APPLY TO PARTICIPATE?

Those interested in participating in the School Marshal Program should contact their school administration for their district selection process. School marshals will be appointed by the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school.



ARE SCHOOL DISTRICTS REQUIRED TO HAVE SCHOOL MARSHALS?

This is an optional program for school districts.



WILL THIS LICENSE HAVE TO BE RENEWED?

License renewal will occur every two years. A renewal course will also need to be completed which will include: a mental health evaluation, active shooter and emergency situation review, and further firearms proficiency training.

A SCHOOL MARSHAL SERVES TO PROTECT STUDENTS FROM ARMED INTRUDERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HB 1009