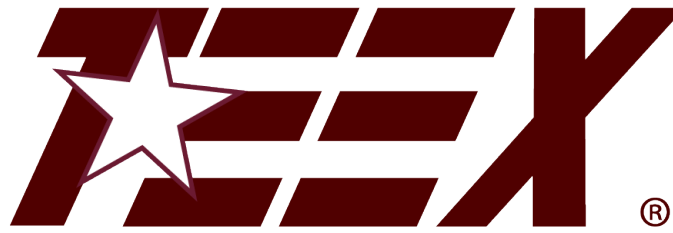
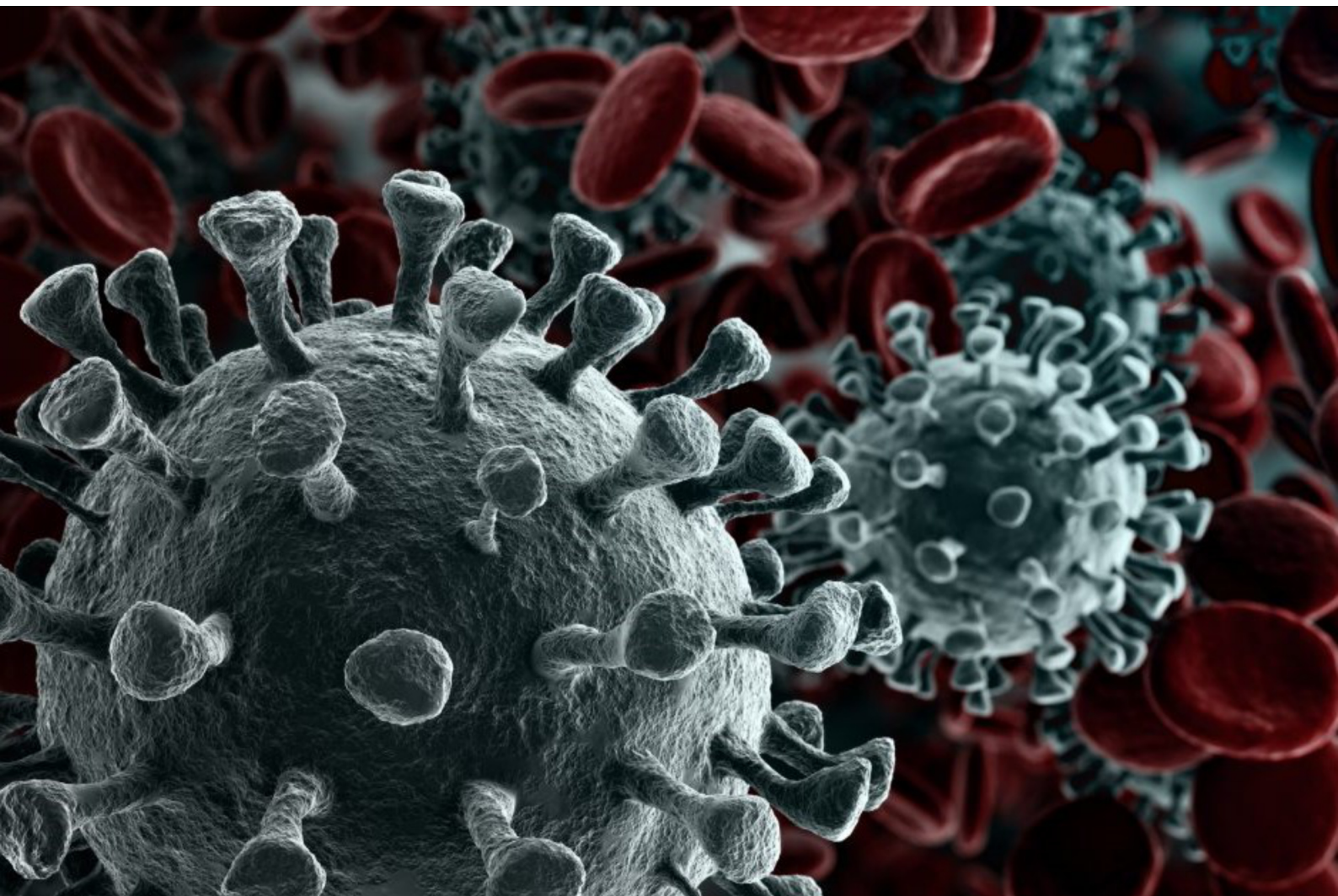


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# COVID-19

Basic Police Academy

Re-Entry Plan

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent quarantine orders, the Central Texas Police Academy (CTPA) has moved to a virtual environment of instruction in order to continue moving forward with the education of police cadets as they quarantine and continue studies at home.

Despite the inherent challenges of this environment, all reports are that the students and staff have been able to adapt and move forward in this arrangement. Through the course of time in this environment, we have experienced good class participation and a 100% pass rate on quizzes and exams.

However, as we move towards the end of May, we will be exhausting all cognitive learning objectives and will have to transition into the physical skills arena in order to complete the training.

Recently, Texas Governor Greg Abbot released information of a phased approach to reopening the State of Texas and the Texas A&M System (TAMUS) followed suite with a re-entry plan.

Therefore, in conjunction with the State and System guidelines and recommendations, we have developed this plan to outline the timing and precautions that will be taken, as we move into this re-entry phase.

**On Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 0800 hours the Basic Police Officer Course (BPOC) #166 will resume face to face classes.** The following precautions will be taken to ensure we are in compliance with CDC guidelines, State orders, TAMUS and TEEEX recommendations.

Therefore, the purpose of this document is to convey our time line, safety protocols and expectations of all parties involved.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** While the implementation of the additional safety and health protocols explained in this document will help mitigate the risk of spreading or contracting COVID-19 virus, TEEEX cannot eliminate the risks associated with the virus completely. **All students and staff retain personal responsibility for their individual health and safety.** Any individual who feels unsafe or ill at any time during the delivery of training is required to immediately notify TEEEX staff and cease engagement of any and all activities.

Adjustments to this plan or its associated protocols will be made as necessary in order to comply with ever changing guidelines issued by the CDC, the State of Texas or TEEEX Extension Service.

### Key Dates

May 18th	Virtual training will continue as we approach our June 1 <sup>st</sup> re-entry date. We have included some additional forensic science courses to fill the gap created by the delay.
May 25th	Memorial Day Holiday
June 1st	Basic Police Officer's Course will resume face to face instruction
July 9th	Course Review and turning in of gear.
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Final Course Exam
July 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup>	TCOLE State Exam
TBD	Graduation

## Safety Protocol

CDC has provided a wealth of information as it relates to the COVID-19 virus. Information related to symptoms and safety precautions can be found at the following website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

In order to ensure the safety of participants and staff, cadets will be required to follow certain procedures that comply with the CDC as well as TEEX mandated safety protocols:

1. Before reporting to class, staff and students temperature must be checked. If they have a fever (*a temperature that reads 100.4°F or more*) they must stay home and notify academy staff.
2. Upon arrival at the academy, staff and students must submit to a screening questionnaire and reading of their temperature. This information will be logged on each student each day. This effort will be coordinated by the academy training manager. Students having a fever (*a temperature that reads 100.4°F or more*) will be isolated and told to go home and quarantine.
3. If a student is feeling ill during the course of training, they must notify academy staff immediately. They will be required to leave the premises.
4. Students must provide their own personal protective equipment (PPE) to include masks, gloves. All students and staff must wear PPE during training unless social distancing in an open area is an option.
5. Students and staff must maintain social distancing by maintaining a minimum six-foot separation from each other.
6. Time will be allotted to allow for frequent washing of hands. Participants are encouraged to wash hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds. In the event soap and water is not available, sanitizer with an alcohol content of 60% or more may be used.
7. While the Facilities staff will continue their efforts to keep areas clean, students and staff will be required to assist in these efforts by individually ensuring the routine cleaning and sanitation of various areas and equipment. Students and staff will be required to wipe down desks, tables and other equipment before and after each training event.
8. Gym use will be limited to academy training only. No other use of the gym will be permitted.
9. Students should strive to not borrow or loan equipment to or from another person unless absolutely necessary. If necessary, students should strive to disinfect the item before doing so.

**This transition is a fluid process and these guidelines are subject to change as new guidance is rendered from authoritative sources.**

## **EVOC**

EVOC training will begin May 29<sup>th</sup> with the lecture portion being delivered via WebEx training to allow entire presentation to be viewed remotely. The driving skills portion of training is scheduled June 1-3, 2020, and will occur outdoors at the TEEX EVOC facility. The skills portion is normally 24 hours in length.

Sponsored cadets need to request vehicles from their agencies. **Cadets are urged to request individual vehicles as opposed to shared vehicles to maintain as much social distance as possible.** The more vehicles available, the smoother and faster training can occur.

All cadets will assist in the wipe down of vehicle interiors between runs.

## **Self Aid/Buddy Aid (SABA)**

Self-aid/Buddy-aid is tentatively scheduled for June 4-5, 2020. Some of the training is demonstrated and performed on training mannequins. As much hands on as possible will be performed in this manner. When students need to apply treatment to each other, they will be required to wear mask and disposable gloves. They will need to remove gloves and wash their hands when taking breaks or if training partners are changed. Appropriate safety protocols will be followed.

## **Firearms**

Firearms training will be conducted June 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>. Any necessary lecture portion of firearms training will occur outdoors and follow social distancing requirements. When live-fire training occurs, cadets will be rotated by squad to the firing line. Each squad will consist of 8 cadets. Rotating squads to the firing line will allow cadets to stay a minimum of 6 feet apart.

Since all training will occur outdoors (speaking of lecture portions specifically) cadets will need to be prepared for any weather conditions. The list of required and recommended equipment we are communicating to the cadets is as follows:

### **Required Gear:**

1. Willingness to train and an open mind
2. Standard Uniform (includes duty belt) w/cap and name tag
3. Handgun and a minimum of 3 magazines (handgun will be brought to all firearms training events) Handgun must be transported unloaded to and from training in a case/box/or bag.
4. Eye and ear protection
5. Cleaning gear appropriate for caliber of handgun
6. Flashlight
7. Note taking material

### **Recommended Gear:**

1. Rain gear
2. Sunscreen
3. Bug Repellent
4. Cold Weather Gear
5. Folding chair/camp chair

6. Lunch/snacks/drinks (we will not leave for lunch) and a manner to store it (cooler/lunch box)
7. Sunshade/Sun canopy (if you have a portable type canopy for protection from sun or rain, bring it, if space allows you can set it up)
8. Extra uniform items

### **Defensive Tactics (DT)**

DT is tentatively scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. DT will take place in the “mat room” of the Bob Wiatt training facility. The mat room is a large area and students will maintain social distancing when not engaged in physical skills. The very nature of this training means cadets will learn to apply arrest and control techniques to one another. Cadets will be required to wear masks, disposable gloves and wash hands/use hand sanitizer after contact.

### **Crime Scene Investigation (CSI)**

CSI is schedule June 22-23, 2020. The training includes learning crime scene search/protection, gathering and documenting of evidence and can be conducted outdoors at the TEEX prop/Conex facility.

### **Standardized Field Sobriety Tesing (SFST)**

SFST is scheduled June 24-26, 2020. A portion of SFST will be presented in a classroom setting. The skills portion may be conducted outdoors or in multiple classroom in small groups to spread students out as much as possible.

### **TCIC/NCIC**

TCIC/NCIC is scheduled June 29, 2020 and is lecture only. This topic will have to be delivered in the classroom. Cadets will continue to follow social distancing to the extent possible wearing face masks. When any training is conducted in the classroom environment cadets will assist in sanitization of tables, doors, door frame, etc. during breaks.

### **K-9 Encounters**

K-9 Encounters is scheduled June 30, 2020. This content must be presented face-to-face and requires a classroom environment. All protocols already in place will be followed.

### **Courtroom Demeanor**

Courtroom demeanor is scheduled July 1, 2020 and is typically delivered in classroom followed by a scenario-based courtroom exercise occurring at the county courthouse. The current status of the courtroom exercise is unknown and this period of instruction may occur entirely in the classroom.

## **Patrol Skills**

Patrol Skills are scheduled July 2<sup>nd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> 2020. Much of this training is scenario based and requires students to interact with each other. All efforts will be made to social distance during scenarios and to included the use of masks, gloves and sanitizing after any physical contact.

## **Course Review/Gear Turn In**

Course review, gear turn in are scheduled July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will occur in a classroom setting. All efforts will be made to social distance to included the use of masks, gloves and sanitizing of work space.

## **Final Course Exam**

The final course exam will be conducted on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Testing is conducted in two separate classrooms and allows for some more distance between students. If needed, testing can be completed in morning and afternoon shifts so fewer students are in the computer lab classrooms at any one time.

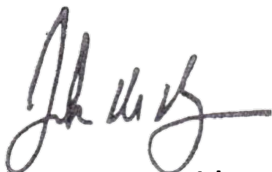
## **TCOLE State Exam**

The TCOLE State Licensing Exam is schedule for July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2020. The state exam must be delivered on site and attended by a proctor. Cadets will be in 2 separate classrooms, but a proctor will be required in each classroom. The state exam can also be delivered in shifts depending on social distancing requirements in effect at this time.

## **Graduation**

A graduation ceremony is still being discussed and will be dependent on Agency/CDC social distancing requirement at that time.

In closing, hopefully this plan will provide understanding of our anticipated timeline, precautionary measures and expectations as we move into this phase of re-entry. Our goal is to complete this training in a safe manner, so that we can deliver well trained first responders who are ready to move into a field training program in their respective or prospective agencies. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to me or our training managers.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 24	25 Memorial Day Holiday	26 FSA 118- Foundations of courtroom testimony	27 FSA 300- Investigative tools and equipment FSA 301- Scene Basics	28 FSA 303- Basic Fingerprinting FSA 304- Fingerprinting processing on difficult surfaces	29 EVOC- WebEx Classroom	30
31	June 1 EVOC	2 EVOC	3 EVOC	4 SABA	5 SABA	6
7	8 Firearms	9 Firearms	10 Firearms	11 Exam 3 Firearms- Low Light	12 Shotgun	13
14	15 Defensive Tactics	16 Defensive Tactics	17 Defensive Tactics	18 Defensive Tactics	19 Defensive Tactics	20
21	22 Crime Scene	23 Crime Scene	24 SFST	25 SFST	26 SFST	27
28	29 TCIC/NCIC	30 K9 Encounters Traffic Direction	July 1 Courtroom Demeanor Traffic Direction	2 Patrol Skills	3 Patrol Skills	4
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