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Michael Ferguson is the Public Services department chair and lead instructor of Criminal Justice at Kilgore College in Kilgore Texas; teaches at the East Texas Police Academy; and is an adjunct lecturer of Criminal Justice for both Sam Houston State University and the University of Texas at Tyler. Michael has had the unique experience of seeing the criminal justice system from an array of perspectives: as a jail deputy; as a street cop; as a victim of crime, having suffered serious bodily injury in a nearly fatal, on-duty crash with an intoxicated driver; as a law enforcement trainer at one of the largest regional police academies in the State of Texas; and, finally, as an academic criminal justice instructor.

Ferguson holds an AAS degree in Criminal Justice from Kilgore College; a BA degree in History and Political Science (double-major) from Stephen F. Austin State University; and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management from Sam Houston State University. In addition to his academic degrees, Michael holds Master Peace Officer, Advanced Instructor, Firearms Instructor, and Investigative Hypnotist certificates, as well as a Jailer License, from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement ("TCOLE"). Ferguson is a Nationally Certified Instructor™ through IADLEST, is a member of ILEETA, a member of the American Criminal Justice Association and the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, and is a longtime member of both the Texas Police Association and the East Texas Peace Officers' Association. Ferguson served for several years as member-at-large on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee of the East Texas Council of Governments. Ferguson is also a Texas- certified public school teacher.

Although Michael primarily taught criminal law, arrest/search/seizure, police emergency driver improvement, and firearms during his tenure as a police academy instructor, his law enforcement focus these days is instructor development, curriculum creation and improvement, and the effective use of multimedia in law enforcement training. Over the past decade, Michael has served on multiple TCOLE curriculum committees, including the committee to revise the basic peace officer course; the committee to revise intermediate certification courses; and the legislatively mandated legal update courses that are taught to the approximately 78,000 peace officers in the state after each biennial legislative session. Ferguson also presents, with one of his legal update committee co-members, a train-the-trainer session to the 600-700 attendees at the TCOLE Conference every two years.

In addition to other courses and presentations, Michael created and taught "Virtual Classrooms: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" to a regional meeting of IADLEST and presented both "Avoiding Death by PowerPoint" and "PREZI: A New Way of Using Visual Media" at TCOLE state training conferences. A two-part article entitled "Admissions, Confessions, and *Miranda*: The Basics All Texas Peace Officers Need to Know" by Ferguson was published in the November/December, 2010, edition (part one) and the January/February, 2011, edition (part two) of the *Texas Police Journal*.