

Texas Department of Public Safety – Training Operations Division Instructor Bio

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Personal Information

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Instructor Certificates/Education/License Check all that apply. This section is not a substitute for subject matter expertise.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TCOLE Instructor License or Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Firearm Instructor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taser Instructor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OC Spray Less-lethal Instructor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baton Instructor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defensive Tactics Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> NFDD Instructor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALERRT Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Basic First Aid Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> SABA/IFAK Medic Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention Instructor	<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Interaction Instructor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Peace Officer Instructor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Diversity Instructor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SFST Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> SAFVIC Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> K9 Handler Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Video Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Arson Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Investigation Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Crimes Instructor	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-1-1 Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunication Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> TDD/TTY Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> TCIC/TLETS Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <hr/> Higher Education Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Master's <hr/> Licenses: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peace Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunicator <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Instructor Subject Expertise/Qualifications/Credentials

Submit a separate form for each course subject. Do not include more than one course subject expertise detail per form.

Subject/Course Name: **86th Legislative Session Legal Update**
87th Legislative Session Legal Update
Active Attack Integrated Response (AAIR) T3
Advanced Instructor Course
ALERRT: Active Shooter Level I
ALERRT: First Responder Medical (FRM)
ALERRT: Exterior Response to Active Shooter Event (ERASE)
ALERRT: Active Attack Integration Response (AAIR)
ALERRT: Solo Officer Rapid Deployment (SORD)
ALERRT: Breaching Instructor
ALERRT: Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)
ALERRT: Close Quarter Conflict Resolution Low Light: (CQCR)
Arrest & Control Tactics
ASP Baton
Basic Instructor Course
Basic SWAT Course
Body Worn Camera
Canine Encounters
Close Quarter Training
Defensive Tactics
Eyewitness Evidence Identification
Firearms Instructor School
Fitness and Wellness
Handcuffing
Low Light Firearms Training
Low Light Skill Builder
Manual Breaching Instructor
Moving and Shooting Pyramid

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Multi-Platform Threat Engagement
Pistol/Rifle Transition
Precision vs. Accuracy
Right Side/Left Side Weapon Tune Up
Shooting and Moving Reaction-Low Light
Low Light Skill Builder
OC Spray
Stances, Strikes, Kicks and Falls
Standard Field Sobriety Testing
Standing Control Techniques
Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)
TASER
Tire Deflation Devices
Weapon Retention
Nutrition

Attended Train the Trainer or Certification for this subject? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Attended additional training for this subject? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, update the expertise below.	Received additional experience for this subject? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, update the expertise below.
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Bio/Subject Matter Expertise: (enter a brief description of your background/training/experience relevant to the course subject matter)
 Nathan Rodriguez's illustrious career is a testament to his unwavering commitment to excellence in law enforcement, marked by a plethora of certifications and specialized training. Embarking on his journey with the Cameron County Sheriff's Office from February 2005 to June 2015, Rodriguez's early years were defined by his service in the Jail Division and his integral role in the CERT Team (Correctional Emergency Response Team).

Transitioning seamlessly, Nathan took on the challenging position of Auto Theft Deputy in the Auto Theft Division. His dedication and versatility were evident as he later transferred to the Patrol Division, where he concurrently served as a SWAT Operator for an impressive decade, earning the esteemed title of Master SWAT Operator.

A pivotal chapter in Rodriguez's career unfolded when he joined the Special Investigation Unit as a K9 Officer. His K9 partner, SPIKE, played a crucial role in detecting US currency and firearms, leading to numerous currency seizures and the recovery of firearms linked to criminal activities. Recognizing his leadership potential, Nathan Rodriguez was swiftly promoted to Patrol Sergeant and Team Leader for the SWAT Team at the remarkable age of 25. In this role, he not only undertook the responsibility of team training but also crafted operational plans for live operations, showcasing his strategic acumen.

In pursuit of new challenges, Nathan Rodriguez transitioned to the Texas Department of Public Safety in August 2015, where his impact has been nothing short of extraordinary. Promoted to Highway Patrol Corporal for 3D01 (McAllen-Border District) in July 2017, Rodriguez continued to ascend the ranks. On March 1, 2020, he achieved the position of Sergeant for the Law Enforcement Development Unit in the Training Operations Division at the Austin Headquarters, demonstrating his commitment to both field operations and training.

In 2021, Nathan Rodriguez took on the role of District Coordinator in the Trooper Coordinator Unit within the Highway Patrol Division, showcasing his ability to navigate diverse responsibilities. Beyond his operational roles, Rodriguez is also recognized as a National Certified Instructor through the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training. His dedication to education is exemplified by his involvement in teaching ALERT trainings since 2010 and his current role as an ALERT Adjunct Instructor for the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT).

The extensive list of certifications, includes all ALERRT train-the-trainer courses, Advanced Instructor, Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC), MASTER TASER Instructor, and many others. Nathan Rodriguez's commitment to continuous learning and his pursuit of excellence in the ever-evolving field of law enforcement. His career stands as a testament to leadership, expertise, and an unyielding dedication to the safety and well-being of the communities he serves.

Advanced Instructor Course:

I have attended and completed the advanced instructor course. I have been instructing course throughout my years in law enforcement. I have enhanced my knowledge in instructing and teaching students within DPS and outside agencies. I am also part of a national instructor cadre.

Active Attack Integrated Response Instructor (AAIR T3):

I have attended Active Attack Integrated Response (AAIR) that was instructed by ALERRT. I also presented teach backs to the ALERRT Instructor. I have also had previous experience in integrating with EMS, Fire Department and other Law Enforcement Agencies throughout my years in Law Enforcement. I am a current ALERRT Adjunct Instructor.

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ALERRT Level I Instructor (Level I T3): I have attended Active Shooter Level I and became a certified instructor. I have taught Active Shooter Level I for the Cameron County Sheriff's Office and other local agencies throughout my years in law enforcement. Being part of a tactical team, we have taught this training in schools and businesses. We would also use these training sites to conduct drills to become proficient in responding to active shooter events. I have also responded to active shooter events throughout my career in law enforcement. I have passed and recertified in the Active Shooter Train the Trainer course (12-17-2021). I am a current ALERRT Adjunct Instructor.

ALERRT: First Responder Medical Instructor (FRM T3):

I have attended First Responder Medical (FRM) and became a certified instructor. I have conducted teach backs to ALERRT Adjuncts Instructors to become certified. I have taught First Responder Medical throughout my years in law enforcement. While at the Cameron County Sheriff's Office and being part of a tactical team, we have taught this training to other law enforcement with within the department. I shadowed several First Responder Medical courses with ALERRT Adjunct Instructor. I continue to review and stay updated with any updated version that are released. Throughout my career in law enforcement, I have applied these techniques in some form or fashion. I am a current ALERRT Adjunct Instructor.

ALERRT: Exterior Response to Active Shooter Event Instructor (ERASE T3):

I have attended Exterior Response to Active Shooter Event (ERASE) and became a certified instructor. I have also attended FORT several times which is the older version of ERASE. I have taught the techniques throughout my career in law enforcement for the SWAT Team and patrol deputies. I shadowed several First Responder Medical courses with ALERRT Adjunct Instructor. I continue to review and stay updated with any updated version that are released. Throughout my career in law enforcement, I have applied these techniques in some form or fashion. I am a current ALERRT Adjunct Instructor.

ALERRT: Solo Officer Rapid Deployment Instructor (SORD T3):

I have attended Solo Officer Rapid Deployment (SORD) and became a certified instructor. I have taught SORD teach backs to ALERRT Adjuncts Instructors. I have responded in a Solo Officer Deployment throughout my career. I have shadowed SORD ALERRT Adjunct Instructors in presenting this material. I have kept up with any new versions being release and keep proficient in teaching this material. I am a current ALERRT Adjunct Instructor.

ALERRT: Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE):

I have attended Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events course and became certified. Throughout my career I have taught this course to civilians and setup scenarios for them (RBT). I have taught numerous civilians in CRASE and continue to teach CRASE. I have stayed proficient in teaching these materials. I continue to review and stay updated with any updated versions that are released. I am a current ALERRT Adjunct Instructor.

ALERRT: Close Quarter Conflict Resolution Low Light (CQCR T3):

I have attended CQCR and became certified by the ALERRT Adjunct Instructors. I have conducted teach-backs to the ALERRT Adjunct Instructors. During my years of law enforcement career, I have applied these techniques in real life scenarios. I have taught this course to all patrol deputies and outside agencies when I was employed by the Cameron County Sheriff's Office. I have stayed proficient with the material and the techniques I am a current ALERRT Adjunct Instructor.

Arrest & Control Tactics (Instructors):

I have attended basic Tactics Instructor Training Program (FLETC). I have taught DPS recruits and commission personnel and law enforcement agencies in handcuffing. I have also have experience throughout my law enforcement career in proper handcuffing techniques and applying these techniques to real life scenarios.

ASP Baton:

I have attended basic Tactics Instructor Training Program (FLETC). I have taught DPS recruits and commission personnel in baton application. I have also had experience throughout my law enforcement career in proper baton application techniques and applying these techniques to real life scenarios.

Basic Instructor Course:

Attended and successfully completed 40 hr. Basic Instructor Course 1/14/2011. Received TCOLE Basic Instructor Proficiency Certification 1/19/2011.

Basic SWAT Course:

Attended and successfully completed 60hr Basic SWAT Course. I have been on numerous of live operations throughout my years with the Cameron County Sheriff's Office. I have taught and helped with basic swat techniques. While attending basic swat school I have been exposed to building entries, room clearing, basic breaching, vehicle assaults and less lethal devices.

Body Worn Camera:

I have attended and completed the body worn camera course. I have used and experienced how the body worn camera and applied it to real life scenarios in my career with TX DPS.

Blue NIMS Street Level Incident Command Train-the-Trainer:

Experience:

With over 18 years of hands-on experience in emergency response and incident management, Nathan Rodriguez brings a wealth of knowledge to the classroom. Having served in various roles within emergency services, he has encountered real-world situations that enhance the practicality of the training provided.

Expertise:

Specializing in BLUE NIMS Street Level Incident Command, Nathan Rodriguez is dedicated to equipping participants with the essential skills and knowledge required to effectively respond to and manage incidents at the street level. He combines theoretical insights with practical examples, ensuring that participants grasp the intricacies of incident command in diverse scenarios.

Teaching Style:

Nathan Rodriguez employs an engaging and interactive teaching style, fostering a dynamic learning environment. Participants can expect a blend of theoretical foundations, case studies, and hands-on exercises that mirror real-world situations. He places a strong emphasis on fostering collaboration and effective communication among responders.

Commitment to Excellence:

Committed to promoting a culture of excellence in emergency response, Nathan Rodriguez is passionate about empowering individuals with the tools to make informed decisions under pressure. He understands the significance of adaptability in crisis situations and imparts this crucial skill to participants.

Mission:

Nathan Rodriguez is on a mission to contribute to the professional development of emergency responders by delivering top-notch BLUE NIMS Street Level Incident Command training. He believes that well-trained and confident responders are essential in ensuring the safety and well-being of communities.

Canine Encounters:

During my years of law enforcement, I have experience real life scenarios. When I was in the Special Investigation Unit, I attended a Police K9 Training. I have also taught other law enforcement personnel about K9 encounters and conducted school presentations about k9s. I am certified as a canine handler and have completed a 240hrs TCOLE Course.

Close Quarter Training:

Attended and successfully completed 60hr Basic SWAT Course. Teaching CQB training for local law enforcement agencies (SWAT teams) in my prior Law Enforcement job. I have 10yrs of SWAT experience and been on many raids. I was a Team Leader for the Cameron County SWAT Team and conducted several training involving CQB and other training involving some sort of CQB.

Defensive Tactics:

2040 Defensive Tactics: I have attended basic Tactics Instructor Training Program (FLETC). I have taught DPS recruits and commission personnel and law enforcement agencies in handcuffing. I have also have experience throughout my law enforcement career in proper handcuffing techniques and applying these techniques to real life scenarios and other defensive techniques that has been taught to me and has applied them in real life scenarios throughout my career.

Eyewitness Evidence Identification:

I have attended the Eyewitness Evidence/Identification Course at the Cameron County Sheriff's Office. I had experience in applying this training throughout my years in law enforcement (15yrs) in real-life scenarios. I also have helped law enforcement officers with proper procedures in Eyewitness Evidence/Identification in real-life scenarios.

Firearms Instructor School:

I have attended and completed the firearms instructor school on 10/23/2020. within that course it had low light firearms training, tactical firearms and during my DPS Peace Officer Academy I was trained in using firearms to disable Motor Vehicle. I have also attended numerous firearms qualifications throughout my years of law enforcement. I have also instructed several courses throughout my years in law enforcement to many different agencies.

The courses that I can instruct are the following:

1. low light firearms training
2. tactical firearms
3. using firearms to disable Motor Vehicle.

Fitness and Wellness:

I am a Fitness Institute Instructor for TX DPS. I enjoy teaching Fitness and have a passion for Fitness. I also expanded my fitness into Body Building (Men's Physique). I competed in Men's Physique competition where, I have placed 2nd in two shows. I have qualified myself to compete for my professional card. I have promoted fitness and wellness during work and off duty. I have helped so many with their fitness and wellness.

Fitness Institute:

I am a Fitness Institute Instructor for TX DPS. I enjoy teaching Fitness and have a passion for Fitness. I also expanded my fitness into Body Building (Men's Physique). I competed in Men's Physique competition where; I have placed 2nd in two shows. I have qualified myself to compete for my professional card numerous times. I have also kept my ACSM certification current and continue to stay proficient with any fitness material and life style changes.

Handcuffing:

I have attended basic Tactics Instructor Training Program (FLETC). I have taught DPS recruits and commission personnel and law enforcement agencies in handcuffing. I have also had experience throughout my law enforcement career in proper handcuffing techniques and applying these techniques to real life scenarios.

Low Light Firearms Training:

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Shooting and Moving Reaction-Low Light
Low Light Skill Builder

O C Spray:

I have attended basic Tactics Instructor Training Program (FLETC). I have taught DPS recruits and commission personnel and other law enforcement agencies in O.C. spray. I have also have experience throughout my law enforcement career in proper O.C. application techniques and applying these techniques to real life scenarios.

Stances, Strikes, Kicks and Falls:

I have attended basic Tactics Instructor Training Program (FLETC). I have taught DPS recruits and commission personnel and law enforcement agencies in handcuffing. I have also have experience throughout my law enforcement career in proper handcuffing techniques and applying these techniques to real life scenarios. (show less)

Standard Field Sobriety Testing Instructor:

I have attended SFST's Instructor Course that was instructed by TX DPS Instructors. I also presented teach backs to the TX DPS Instructors. I have also had previous experience in applying the SFST's in real-life scenarios. I have also testified in court on SFST's applications throughout my career in law enforcement. I have taught SFST's to other law enforcement agencies and continue to stay up to date in any changes. I am also a State Adjunct SFST's Instructor.

Standing Control Techniques:

I have attended basic Tactics Instructor Training Program (FLETC). I have taught DPS recruits and commission personnel and law enforcement agencies in handcuffing. I have also have experience throughout my law enforcement career in proper handcuffing techniques and applying these techniques to real life scenarios. (show less)

Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC):

I have attended Tactical Emergency Casualty Care that was instructed by TX DPS Personnel. I also presented teach backs to the TX DPS Instructor. I have taught this course to TX DPS In-Service for 2yrs to have everyone certified. I have taught this to my area back in my district.

TASER Instructor:

I have attended the taser Instructor Course in July of 2017. I have taught this course and certified all commission personnel with the new X2 taser. I have taught this course several times throughout my career with DPS. (show less)

Tire Deflation Devices:

I have attended and successfully completed the tire deflation device with Texas DPS since 2016. I have encounter numerous situations where I had to possible deploy or not deploy the tire deflation devices on suspect in real life situations. I have also attended numerous trainings in this subject. I have 15 years of police experience to educate and teach to law enforcement personnel.

Weapon Retention:

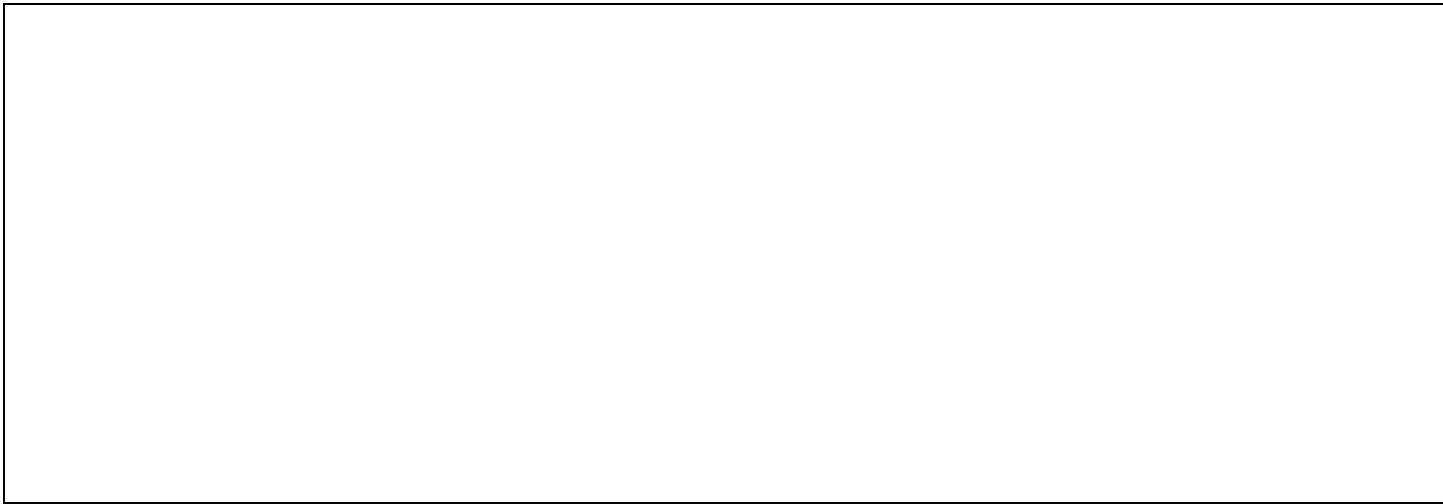
I have attended basic Tactics Instructor Training Program (FLETC). I have taught DPS recruits and commission personnel and law enforcement agencies in weapon Retention. I have also had experience throughout my law enforcement career in weapon retention techniques and applying these techniques to real life scenarios.

Master TASER Instructor (AXON):

Attended Master TASER Instructor (AXON) in June of 2021. I was certified in teaching all TASER weapons and equipment and had to perform teach backs with the class. I have also taught several TASER recertification schools within TX DPS and have certified new TASER Instructor. I went through a Master TASER Instructor Recertification in October 22nd through October 27th of 2023 and taught and performed proficiency to Senior Master TASER Instructors. I also received the Hans Marrero award. The Hans Marrero award is an AXON prestigious award given to a recipient who exemplify all of the following qualities; leadership traits, servant attitude, positive attitude, confident, knowledgeable, and professional attitude.

Nutrition:

Throughout several years, I have been and still compete in body building competition. I have also been guided and taught by professional body builders. I am also a DPS Fitness Institute Graduate and certified through American College Sports Medicine.



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Instructor Signature

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Date