



Jail Mental Health Officer Course (TCOLE 5900)
40-hour Class
Hosted by Travis County Sheriff's Office
December 1 - 5, 2025

Course Description:

This course is designed to certify the student (detention officer) as a Jail Mental Health Officer (Special Officer for Mental Health Assignment under 1701.404 of the Texas Occupations Code). In a jail setting, a Jail Mental Health Officer typically serves as a liaison between the jail and the court and medical/mental health providers. They are generally called upon to assist in de-escalating people in mental crisis, coordinating care, and assisting with continuity of care as requested.

The course is delivered through a combination of classroom lecture, group discussion and activities, and one-on-one scenario role-play. It covers learning objectives such as understanding common mental disorders, de-escalating persons with mental disorders, resources available to assist with the continuity of care, and individual self-care.

Class Presented by:

Brook Bonnema (Behavioral Health & Programs Asst Director)
Assisted by other subject matter experts.

Host Location:

Travis County Sheriff's Office Training Academy Bldg. 50
3614 Bill Price Rd. Del Valle, TX 78617

To register, please fill out the attached registration form and send to the email address located on the bottom of the form.

For registration questions, please contact Tina Hoffman:

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