

	GENERAL ORDER	Effective: 10-01-2021	# 06-02
	Section: Specialized Functions	Replaces or Modifies: GO 3	
	Title: Training Academy		
Issued by: Chief Deputy Mattie Provost			

Purpose:

To establish guidelines for the operation of the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy (Academy).

Policy:

The Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office shall operate this training Academy in accordance with the rules of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE).

Procedure:

- I. Organization
 - A. The Chief Deputy is designated as the Chief Administrator per TCOLE Rule 211.1 to issue all orders, make appointments, and/or delegate authority concerning the Academy. This includes but is not limited to all issues concerning implementation of TCOLE rules.
 - B. The Chief Deputy will ensure that at all times a Training Coordinator is appointed and communicated to TCOLE per TCOLE Rule 215.9. Generally the appointed person will have the rank of Captain or higher.

- II. Training Coordinator Duties
 - A. Provide oversight on all activities conducted at or by the Academy including personnel assigned to functions associated with the Academy.
 - B. Ensure that all applicable TCOLE Rules concerning the operation of the Academy are followed, including but not limited to:
 1. Rule 215.1 concerning Commission Authorization of Training Providers
 2. Rule 215.2 concerning maintenance of qualified instructors, staff, and resources
 3. Rule 215.3 concerning Law Enforcement Academies
 4. Rule 215.7 concerning the Training Advisory Board (prior to any action taken on policies/procedures or other advice given the Chief Deputy will be presented with all recommendations and will have final authority on any action taken). All appointments to the Board will be approved by the Chief Deputy.
 5. Rules concerning submission of information and training standards
 - C. Ensure that his/her chain of command is provided a copy of any Training Provider Evaluation made on the Academy by TCOLE under Rule 215.11. Further, ensure that if provisions of Rule 215.13 are enacted, the Chief Deputy will be immediately notified.
 - D. Present any renewal contract with TCOLE under Rule 215.17 to the Chief Deputy for approval. Any contract cancellation, suspension, or termination under Rule 215.19 will be immediately reported to the Chief Deputy.
 - E. Ensure that all training by or in the Academy (including but not limited to Basic Peace Officer Courses) are conducted in a manner approved by TCOLE Rules and his/her chain of command.
 1. Any change to minimum qualifications for entry into a Basic Peace Officer course must be approved by the Chief Deputy
 2. Any change to Academy rules not mandated by TCOLE must be approved by the Chief Deputy. TCOLE mandated changes will be reported to his/her chain of command.

- III. Only the Sheriff or Chief Deputy may authorize exceptions to this General Order.