

AACOG Regional Law Enforcement Academy Manager's Report

FY 2016

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“Regional Solutions for Regional Challenges”



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AACOG REGION - FY 2016

1. General Population (13 counties) = Approximately 2.34 million people
(Source: U.S. Census Data).
2. Active law enforcement personnel (peace officers, corrections officers, probation and parole officers, and police dispatchers) = 9,567 *
(Source: Texas Commission on Law Enforcement – Sept 2016)

*Note: The number of law enforcement personnel listed by The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) in the AACOG region does not include state peace officers (State Troopers, State University Police, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, State Corrections Officers, etc.) that are assigned in the region and attend AACOG Academy training. All state law enforcement officers are listed in the TCOLE report as assigned to their agency headquarters in Austin, Texas.

Some class attendees at AACOG are currently certified but not commissioned as peace officers. Non-commissioned personnel still attend training at AACOG to maintain training proficiency. Because they are not active with an agency they are not listed in the TCOLE report.

AACOG Academy Staff: The AACOG Regional Law Enforcement Academy has five (5) full-time staff members, one (1) contractual employee, and approximately forty (40) adjunct instructors.

OUR STATS AND SERVICES PROVIDED

As of May 2016, 87% of AACOG Basic Peace Officer graduates have been commissioned by an agency in Texas.

Of those commissioned, 67% were working for agencies within AACOG's thirteen county region. *

* Based on the period from May 2005 to May 2016.

The Academy provided the following services in the past state fiscal year.

1. 152,500 hours were reported to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) for licensing and in-service training.
2. The Academy completed three (3) Basic Peace Officer Courses.

As of January 2013, the TCOLE Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC) is a minimum of 643 hours. AACOG BPOC Courses average 950 – 990 hours of training including additional certifications in less-lethal weapons, active shooter response, National Incident Management System (NIMS), CPR/AED Training, tactical trauma care, and RADAR/LIDAR certification. The BPOC first-time pass rate on the state exam for the past year was 100%. The state minimum standard is 80%.

3. Four (4) Basic Corrections Officer Courses (BCOC) were completed. The AACOG BCOC first-time pass rate on the state exam for the past year was over 91%. The state minimum standard is 80%.
4. Two (2) Telecommunications licensing course were completed. The AACOG Telecommunicators first-time pass rate on the state exam for the past year was over 82%. The state minimum standard is 80%.
5. The AACOG Academy hosted three (3) Career and Education Job Fairs with dozens of police agencies from around the state in attendance. Recruiters from federal law enforcement agencies were also in attendance.
6. For FY 2016, the AACOG Academy conducted or reported a total of 793 in-service classes with a combined total over 8,159 participants in attendance.
7. The AACOG Academy (through the AACOG Public Safety Division) continued to support the Alamo Area Regional Information and Intelligence Sharing (AARIIS) Network throughout FY 2016.

The network enables investigators from various agencies to communicate information about open cases currently under investigation and share intelligence about known and unknown subjects and vehicles. So far, the use of the network has assisted in closing multiple criminal cases in the region.



8. In FY 2016, the AACOG Academy continued to teach the new Texas School Marshal Licensing Course. The Academy initially provided two licensing courses for future school marshals in Texas, but at the request of TCOLE, a third class was taught in August 2016.

The AACOG Law Enforcement Academy in the News

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Basic Peace Officer Firearms Training



Cadet Job Fair

What Some People Are Saying About the AACOG Academy:

This was the best use of force class I have attended by far. – In-service student from Use of Force Refresher Class #2095.

The way the class was conducted was great. The exercises which implemented the use of the baton helped me understand the amount of exertion the body takes on. – Cadet from Class 2016A in reference to ASP Baton Training.

Instructor has tons of great knowledge and kept the class exciting. I will recommend this class to other officers. – In-service student from Family Violence Photography Class.

In Closing...

In January 2016, we said farewell to Mike Davis who was the Academy Supervisor in charge of AACOG's Basic Peace Officer training. Mike moved to a position as the Deputy Chief in charge of training, policy, and planning for the Bexar County Sheriff's Office.

Mike was instrumental in helping the AACOG Academy get settled into our new location and he is already doing very good things for the sheriff's office.

With Mike now with the Bexar County Sheriffs, we look forward to AACOG and Bexar County to continue building and cultivating the resource sharing relationship between our agencies so we will be able to continue multiplying our training resources and further improve the quality of training all law enforcement personnel receive.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts!

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