



Alamo Area Regional Law Enforcement Academy Criminal Investigator Certification Program



UPDATED Effective January 1, 2020

The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) Regional Law Enforcement Academy Criminal Investigator Certification Program (CICP) is a comprehensive self-paced program consisting of training in some of the expected skill sets of knowledgeable criminal investigators. Whether you are currently a criminal investigator or looking to become one in the future, the AACOG Criminal Investigator Certification Program will provide the training and resources you need towards conducting a successful investigation.

The responsibilities of today's law enforcement and criminal investigators at all levels are complex and challenging. The Alamo Area Regional Law Enforcement Academy (AARLEA) is focused, committed, and responsible to continue developing and providing **relevant and progressive** training for criminal investigators and patrol officers to create a progressive learning environment.

To ensure the investigator is fully-equipped with the most advanced knowledge and skill sets required to be successful in their role, the Criminal Investigator Certification Program (CICP) has been **updated** and will consist of eleven (11) criminal investigation training courses. Two (2) of the 11 courses will be prerequisite courses, specifically, Intermediate Crime Scene Search – TCOLE #2106, and New Criminal Investigator – TCOLE #3280. Nine (9) of the training courses have been placed in either Tier 1 and Tier 2 level categories (see below). Upon completion of all courses, a person may submit an application for a certificate of completion for the program to the Academy along with copies of their course certificates. **Note:** A certificate of completion for Intermediate Crime Scene Search Course #2106 **must** also be submitted.

- Prerequisite courses:
 - 1) Intermediate Crime Scene Search - TCOLE #2106 (32 - 40 hours); and
 - 2) New Criminal Investigator Course – TCOLE #3280 (24 hours)
- Tier 1 level courses:
 - Property Crimes Investigation– TCOLE #2038 (8 hours)
 - Utilization of the Media for Investigations– TCOLE #3026 (8 hours)
 - Writing Search and Arrest Warrant Affidavits and Execution – TCOLE #3280 (8 hours)
 - Basics of Interview and Interrogation – TCOLE #2029 (8 hours)
- Tier 2 level courses
 - Basics of Crime Scene Photography/Video – TCOLE #4011 (24 hours)
 - Crimes Against Persons – TCOLE #2037 (16 hours)

- Surveillance Operations – TCOLE #2028 (12 hours)
- Investigation of White Collar Crimes – TCOLE #2031 (8 hours)
- Investigation of Cyber Crimes – TCOLE #3280 (8 hours)

Currently, all courses (with the exception of Intermediate Crime Scene Search #2106) must have been completed through the AACOG Regional Law Enforcement Academy. Also note that the Academy will not accept any on-line certification of completion training for Intermediate Crime Scene Search #2106.

Applications and copies of course certificates may be submitted in person, via fax to the Academy at 210-824-5881 or email at spalmer@aacog.com. For more information please contact Academy Manager Shawn Palmer at (210) 362-5224.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Persons already participating in the Criminal Investigator Certification Program (CICP) will continue to follow the initial curriculum format with the following guidelines:

- Basics of Crime Scene Fingerprinting #4005 (16 hours), course #2, will be credited towards the initial CICP format by completing Intermediate Crime Scene Search #2106 (**32 - 40 hours**);
- Eyewitness Evidence/Identification #3286 (8 hours), course #11, will be offered as a “stand alone” course as part of the continuing education program and credited towards the initial CICP format;
- Electronic Evidence Collection #2016 (4 hours), course #6, will be offered as a “stand alone” course as part of the continuing education program and credited towards the initial CICP format. Effective January 1, 2020, portions of this course is included in the New Criminal Investigator course #3280 (24 hours).
- Investigative Case Analysis & Presentation #3280 (16 hours), course #13, has been removed from the initial CICP format. Effective January 1, 2020, portions this course is included in the New Criminal Investigator course #3280 (24 hours).