

Houston Area Police Chief's Association

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HAPCA Newsletter

Monthly Meeting

September 27, 2022



Location:

Crime Stoppers

3001 Main Street, Houston Texas

11:30 am

September Speaker

Mr. Michael Mata

This month our speaker will be Mr. Michael Mata from the Texas Law Enforcement Peer Support Network.

The Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network (**TLEPN**) is a state-wide program designed to give every Texas law enforcement officer access to specially trained peers to address stressors, trauma, fatigue and other needs to combat workforce burnout and end Police suicide and self-harm. The network will train and mentor police officer volunteers to assist their fellow officers manage stressors both on and off the job.



TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT
PEER NETWORK

The Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network supports the mission of



Don't forget to RSVP on-line for the September 27, 2022
HAPCA meeting.

Calendar of Upcoming Training and Events

October 10—12, 2022

Investigating Child Abuse and

Child Homicide

Dallas, TX DCAC Training Center

WWW.DCAC.ORG/TRAINING

December 6—7 2022

Semi-Auto Level Three Pistol & Rifle
(#3342)

Baytown, TX

November 1, 2022

K9 Encounters (#4065)

Deer Park, TX

More Training at:

www.texaspolicechiefs.org

www.hccp2.com/trainingcalendar

<http://texaspolice trainers.com>

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Meet the Morgan's Point Police Department

Serving the Community of Morgan's Point , Texas with a daytime population of over 33,800.

The Morgan's Point Police Department has a total of 6 Full-time Officers, 4 Part-time Officers and 1 support staff.



Chief Sherri Ditrich



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The History of Morgan's Point, Texas

LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF BUFFALO BAYOU AND SAN JACINTO

BAY...

...the townsite of New Washington was settled by Col. James Morgan (1786-1866), who bought 1600 acres of land in the area in 1835.

A native of Philadelphia, Morgan had come to Texas in 1830 and served at various times and places as merchant, civic leader, and land agent. While away from his home, serving as a colonel during the Texas Revolution, Mexican troops burned the town of New Washington. After the war, Morgan and others rebuilt New Washington, and the townsite began to flourish. Morgan realized, however, that it could never compete with the growth of nearby Houston, and during the 1850s he began to promote plans for a channel along Buffalo Bayou that would increase the region's trade potential. That dream was completed in 1876 with the dredging of the Houston Ship Channel by steamship tycoon Charles Morgan. As Houston continued to grow, New Washington was recognized only as a major bend for the ship traffic along the bayou. Now known as Morgan's Point, the townsite was incorporated in 1949 and stands as a reminder of the early commercial history of Harris County.

The peninsula on Galveston Bay known as Morgan's Point was named for early landowner Colonel James Morgan. Later the area became a favorite summer retreat for wealthy Houston residents who sought refuge from the oppressive heat and humidity of the city. The bluff attracted Gulf breezes and boasted spectacular views and recreational potential. In 1893 twelve prominent Houston families formed the Bay Ridge Park Association and acquired 40 acres of land on which they constructed a resort community for summer residency. To allow each family beachfront property the land was platted into long narrow lots chosen by ballots. The first houses built were modest one-and two-story frame dwellings with verandas; most featured Eastlake and Queen Anne style detailing. Homes built in the early 20th century were designed by renowned architects and reflected various styles including Mediterranean revival, colonial revival, and prairie school. Among the many grand houses is one patterned after the White House built for Texas Governor Ross Sterling and his wife Maude. Listed on the National register of Historic Places, the area is one of Texas' most significant seaside residential developments.

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CPI AT UNT DALLAS ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT PEER NETWORK

April 12, 2022

Texas law enforcement officers have a new tool to support their mental health. Today, at the Texas Police Chiefs Association annual conference, Jeff Spivey, Executive Director of the Caruth Police Institute (CPI) at University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas) announced the launch of the Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network. The Peer Network is a statewide program designed to give every Texas law enforcement officer access to a trained peer to address stressors, trauma, fatigue, and other needs to combat workforce burnout and end police suicide and self-harm.

“Every law enforcement professional deserves to have access to peer services, but unfortunately due to the size of most police agencies in the State, not everyone does,” said Spivey. “This network is meant to fill the gap in access and provide any Texas law enforcement professional the ability to connect with a peer.”

In recent years, suicide among law enforcement officers has been on the rise, eclipsing line-of-duty as the most common cause of death among officers. First responders, including law enforcement officers are at increased risk for suicide because of the environment in which they work and job-related stress. The Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network is the first of its kind in the country and organizers plan to set the gold standard for others to follow to end the epidemic of law enforcement suicide. The goal is to make Texas a zero-suicide state among law enforcement by creating a positive pattern for mental health resource utilization across the state.

“When we began designing the peer network in 2019, we set two primary goals; to have the healthiest law enforcement workforce in the country and to end law enforcement suicide in Texas,” said B. J. Wagner, Senior Vice President of Health and Public Safety at the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute and former Executive Director of CPI, “and created a peer network without geographical boundaries throughout Texas. We have boldly set a zero-suicide goal for 2023 and will set that goal every year for our law enforcement officers serving Texas communities.”

The Texas Peer Network, operated by CPI at UNT Dallas will, address this significant issue through access to resource directories, strategic partnerships, and training and technical support to regional hubs as they recruit and train peers in trauma-informed peer-to-peer support. Peer Network volunteers are active law enforcement officers who have received specialized training, designed by subject matter experts, and approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, to assist their peers in managing the day-to-day stress and trauma associated with life as a police officer.

CPI AT UNT DALLAS ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT PEER NETWORK (Continued)

“UNT Dallas and Caruth Police Institute are proud to stand up the nation’s first statewide peer network to help first responders cope better with the stresses of the job and explore solutions with trusted and trained peers,” said UNT Dallas President Bob Mong. “They can reach out anonymously, of course. We also appreciate our partners at the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute.”

Officers seeking assistance will access Peer Network services via a confidential phone app, network phone line, or through the regional hub. The app provides both peers and officers in need of assistance an immediate and direct connection to support as well as a link to resources. Services are free and completely anonymous.

Dustin Schellenger, Director of the Peer Network State Office at CPI at UNT Dallas explained how the Peer Network was intentionally developed with respect for officers personal and professional needs as well as an understanding of law enforcement culture. “We have kept the focus of this network on the officers and maintaining their trust by keeping their anonymity and overall health our priority,” said Schellenger. “Every part of this program from the app to the training we provide, focuses on ensuring the cultural competency of the resources we provide to the officers we serve.”

The idea for the Peer Network was first raised by the CPI Executive Advisory Board in 2019 and was firmly established during the Texas 87th Legislative Session. Senate Bill 64 provides funding for a coordinated statewide effort focused on law enforcement peer-to-peer support and suicide prevention training. CPI at UNT Dallas serves as the home for Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network and coordinates statewide services and three regional offices located in Irving, Belton, and Pharr.

Training

THIS **TRAINING** IS QUALIFIED FOR TCOLE CREDIT HOURS #8810



WOMEN IN COMMAND Excelling as Female Leaders

Hosted by Harris County Sheriff's Office

PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION

Located at Town Lake, Lake House
10000 Towne Lake Parkway, Cypress, TX 77433

October 19-20, 2022

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Women in Command is an energetic and interactive two-day course conceived, constructed, and taught by successful female law enforcement executives.

Being a female leader in a male-dominated profession has its own distinct set of challenges and leading in today's climate has created more obstacles than ever before. Female leaders have unique ideas, insight, and solutions that make them invaluable. We will discuss the need for more gender diversity in order to solve the problems in their communities at large.

Designed to help leaders maintain a professional, positive, and inspiring climate, this program will offer examples of the traits and skill sets of proven, successful leaders and accomplished agencies. This course features lively, engaging discussions in an open forum populated by current and future women law enforcement leaders. *This class is suitable for both sworn and non-sworn law enforcement personnel.*

Course topics include:

- ◆ Leading in Today's Unique Climate
- ◆ Maintaining an Effective Organized Culture
- ◆ Diversity in Leadership; Decision Making and Problem Solving
- ◆ Mentoring and Leading by Example
- ◆ Learning from Successful Female Leaders
- ◆ Building your Credibility
- ◆ Self-Examination

Single Registration: \$359

(Payment does not need to be made at time of registration)

Groups of 3+: \$339 per person (use discount code WIC20)

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Seminar



Virtual Zoom **Training**

**October 10, 2022
1 pm - 3 pm Eastern
Cost: \$150***

How To Predict Violence & Influence Outcomes



Hosted by Harris County Sheriff's Office

Located at Harris County Sheriff's Office
Training Academy

[2316 Atascocita Road, Humble, TX 77396](#)

December 5-6, 2022 ♦ 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The vast majority of attacks on officers begins with communication:
They tell you it's coming.

If you can predict it, you can prevent it. Stopping violence before it starts is a learnable and necessary skill. Too often, officers are reactive to aggression rather than predictive. Preparing for a violent encounter requires that you quickly and accurately identify behaviors that indicate vicious intent. If done effectively, you have the power to influence outcomes.

How to Predict Violence & Influence Outcomes begins by delving deeply into the science of Kinesics - the study of body language, stances, gestures, and micro expressions. Using videos of recent attacks on officers, we analyze subtle movements, mannerisms, and warning signs of the impending aggression. We will discuss how these same, proven skills can assist in getting confessions. We then discuss the critical importance of your own behavior and how it can be affected by emotion and stress. Learn what science tells us about human behavior and how asking the right questions, actively listening and showing empathy can be the keys to controlling, redirecting, and influencing others. Once learned, you can control the outcome of a potentially deadly encounter.

Old School 'verbal defense' classes train old school communication theory. This course was developed using today's research in the science of human behavior and decades of real street experience.

Course topics include:

- How the 5 Truths of Human Behavior Will Help You Read the Signs
- Situational Awareness: You, the Subject, and the Environment
- Statement Analysis: Knowing What They Don't Know They're Saying

Single Registration: \$259

(Need to defer payment? Just let us know!)

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Groups of 6+: **\$219 per person** (use discount code PV40)

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