



May 2025

WELCOME

On behalf of the East Texas Police Chiefs Association (ETCPA), I am honored to extend a warm welcome to you and your agencies. If you are one of our existing members, thank you for your leadership and support. If you are not currently a member, I would encourage you to join the ETCPA. Whether you are a member of a municipal, county, state, federal, or school-based law enforcement agency, I believe you will find tremendous value in the professional networking potential through ETCPA. Our quarterly lunch meetings offer great information sharing, problem solving discussions and product demonstrations that collectively benefit our regional law enforcement leadership.

Also, a big Thank You to Kilgore Chief Todd Hunter for hosting the quarterly ETCPA on April 24th and to Warren Egerton, the newly appointed Director of the East Texas Police Academy.

Board:

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Next Meeting Information

When: **Thursday, July 24** 11:30am to 1:00pm
Where: Henderson Police Department

800 Lake Forest Parkway
Henderson, TX 75652
Lunch will be served.

In Memoriam



Wood County Deputy Melissa Pollard EOW 4/9/25
[Officer Down Memorial Page](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Women's Leadership Institute

June 9 - June 13, 2025
Hoover, AL

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Sheriffs Association of Texas Conference

July 11 - July 15, 2025
Ft. Worth, TX

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International Association
of
Chiefs of Police

October 18 - October 21, 2025
Denver, CO

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TRAININGS



Basic SRO Course
Whitehouse, TX
June 2-6, 2025

This 8 hour course is presented in one day and is designed for Chiefs and Command Officers. Instructor, Chief Jeff Bert, explores the "why's" and "how's" associated with conducting audits and inspections in police organizations through presentations, lectures, and discussions.

[Click here for more information.](#)

School Safety Summit
Region 8 ESC - Kilgore, TX
June 5, 2025



This year's Summit will feature Jeffrey Yarbrough, a 27-year police and army veteran. Chief Jeffrey D. Yarbrough was sworn in as chief of the Hutto (Texas) Police Department in April 2022. He is an experienced, innovative, and transformational servant leader who recognizes the value of others and inspires them to reach their fullest potential.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Safety Planning Intervention Training
Region 8 ESC - Pittsburg, TX
July 17, 2025

A safety plan can be a valuable tool to help those in crisis. This training



guides participants in developing a safety plan in collaboration with students who are at high risk for suicide. Steps to create a safety plan, including identifying warning signs, coping strategies, and trusted resources will be discussed.

[Click here for more information.](#)



TEXAS
POLICE CHIEFS
ASSOCIATION

Developing Leaders
September 15-19, 2025
October 13-17, 2025
November 10-14, 2025

Kilgore, TX

This 120 hour course is presented in three 40 hour weeks over the course of 3 months.

[Click here for more information.](#)

The online **Active Attack Event Response Leadership** course is designed to provide leaders in first response and emergency management agencies with strategic leadership and integrated response strategies that will prepare them to not only “stop the killing” but to also “stop the dying” in active attack events. Participants will also be able to recognize the need to prepare their communities for an active shooter attack and use this as an opportunity for positive outreach and community interactions. 4 TCOLE hours.



[Click here for more information.](#)



Asset Forfeiture

This online course is designed for law enforcement and others who are seeking a foundation and understanding of how to deal with forfeiture of seized property. This training will allow individuals to demonstrate understanding of the principles of Senate Bill 563 which includes all considerations for forfeiture cases. 2 TCOLE hours.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Resources / Info

School Violence



COPS

Community Oriented Policing Services
U.S. Department of Justice

Prevention Program Grant Opportunity

Application Due Date

6/26/2025

The COPS Office will host an informational webinar on the School Violence Prevention Program on May 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM ET.

**Register for the
Webinar**

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



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National Police Week 5k

Run to Remember: Honoring Heroes,
Uniting Communities. Powered by
ODMP.

Saturday, May 5, 2025

ILEA

TX ISD Chiefs

TPCA

**East TX 100
Club**

LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKER

CONGRATULATIONS!

RETIRED!



**CHIEF
TERRY
ROACH**

WHITE OAK POLICE DEPARTMENT

During Chief Roach's time at the White Oak Police Department he earned an Officer of the Year award in 2004 and was given Life Saver status plaques by the City of White Oak and Good Shepherd Hospital in 2010 for heroic acts related to saving the lives of EMS personnel during a tragic incident that occurred in White Oak.

Chief Roach served as an instructor at the East Texas Police Academy charged with the duty of preparing the next generation of law enforcement officers. Chief Roach was also instrumental in the agency earning recognized status through the Police Chief's Association of Texas, of which he has served as a past President and leader. Chief Roach's leadership stood out in all that he did and the people of White Oak are benefited greatly from his experience and desire to serve. Thank you for your service to the City of White Oak!

Have something to share in the next newsletter? [Click here to submit info.](#)