

2025 Forensic Science, Law and Public Service Conference

B Breakout **M** Meal/Social **P** Plenary **R** Registration

JUNE 16 • MONDAY

7:30am – 8:30am	M	Continental Breakfast	LSC Theater Foyer
7:30am – 3:00pm	R	Registration Open	LSC Theater Foyer
8:30am – 9:45am	P	Opening General Session: From Graduation to Guard: Understanding the Pipeline to Corrections Careers in Texas <i>Speakers: Mick Normington</i> Join us for an insightful session exploring the real-world demand for corrections officers within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and the structured pathways available to young adults—starting as early as age 18. Using current labor market intelligence, we'll examine the workforce needs driving recruitment and retention efforts in the corrections field. This presentation will include personal stories that highlight the human side of corrections work, along with a focus on key industry terminology and career-aligned language that students and educators should know. Whether you're an educator, counselor, or workforce partner, you'll gain a clearer picture of how to prepare students for a stable, purpose-driven career in the corrections system.	LSC Theater
10:00am – 11:30am	B	Latent Fingerprint Processing using Brush and Powder Techniques (Session A) <i>Speakers: Casie Parish, Cassidy Byars</i> The goal of this workshop is to discuss the equipment and techniques associated with properly applying black powder and lifting a latent fingerprint from a nonporous surface. We will work through interactive activities that help students to understand and practice the process of lifting from beginning to end.	115
10:00am – 11:30am	B	Opioid Awareness for Law & Public Safety Educators: Trends, Impact, and Instructional Integration (Session B) <i>Speakers: Debra Hodges, Tyson Hodges</i> This session, designed specifically for Law and Public Safety and Forensic Science educators, provides a focused, data-driven look at the ongoing opioid and drug crisis—its origins, current trends, and the role of education in shaping informed future professionals.	116
10:00am – 11:30am	B	Teaching Trauma Four Ways (Session C) <i>Speakers: Matt Menefee</i> This hands-on instructional session equips educators with four distinct methods to teach students about blunt force and sharp force trauma in a classroom setting. Participants will explore instructional strategies that vary in complexity and cost—ranging from simple, low-cost simulations to more advanced experiential techniques. The session emphasizes practical application, enabling instructors to bring real-world forensic science concepts into their lessons. Attendees will leave with insight to engage students in understanding traumatic injury mechanisms through safe, effective, and interactive classroom activities.	117
11:30am – 12:45pm	M	Lunch Break - On Your Own On campus locations include Freebirds and Sammy's Shakes. Nearby you will find Farmhouse Cafe and Five Loaves Deli.	Various
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4:00pm – 6:00pm	M	Networking Event at The Jolly Fox	The Jolly Fox (2504 Sam Houston Ave Huntsville, TX 77340)

JUNE 17 • TUESDAY

9:00am – 9:45am	P	Welcome/Overview/Dress Code Check/Load Busses	Hazel B. Kerper Courtroom/George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center
10:00am – 11:00am	T	Rotating Tours (A) University PD, (B) TDCJ Walls Unit, (C) Prison Museum A. University Police Department/Digital Forensics Chief Holloway and Sergeant Butterworth will facilitate a UPD/Digital Forensics session at their facility in their training room. Working to get students in the Digital Forensics program to speak on their learnings and then UPD will discuss trends they see in the field. B. TDCJ Walls Unit <i>Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, nicknamed "Walls Unit," is a Texas state prison located in Huntsville, Texas, United States. The approximately 54.36-acre facility, near Downtown Huntsville, is operated by the Correctional Institutions Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, administered as within Region I. The facility, the oldest Texas state prison, opened in 1849.</i> C. The Texas Prison Museum <i>The Texas Prison Museum offers an intriguing glimpse into the lives of the state's imprisoned citizens. The museum features numerous exhibits detailing the history of the Texas prison system, featuring a look inside the operations behind the fences and walls.</i>	Various
11:15am – 12:15pm	T	Rotating Tours (A) University PD, (B) TDCJ Walls Unit, (C) Prison Museum	Various
12:30pm – 1:30pm	M	Hosted Lunch City Hall Cafe & Pie Bar	City Hall Cafe & Pie Bar (1421 Sam Houston Ave, Huntsville, TX 77340)
1:45pm – 2:45pm	T	Rotating Tours (A) University PD, (B) TDCJ Walls Unit, (C) Prison Museum	Various
3:00pm – 3:45pm	P	Debrief/Concluding Remarks/Review of Third Day Schedule	Hazel B. Kerper Courtroom/George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center

JUNE 18 • WEDNESDAY

8:00am – 8:30am	M	Continental Breakfast	LSC Theater Foyer
8:30am – 11:00am	P	<div><div>TEA Update, CTSO Activity, Closing Session</div><div>Speakers: Dale Fowler, Keith Jennings</div><div>TEA Update</div><div>Staff from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will provide targeted updates relevant to educators in the Law and Public Service career cluster. This presentation will cover recent policy developments, instructional guidance, and upcoming initiatives that directly impact classroom practice, program design, and student outcomes. Learn how TEA’s evolving priorities align with your work and gain practical insights to help you plan for the upcoming school year.</div><div>CTSOs Can Bring Our Classrooms to Life</div><div>During this session you will see first-hand how the curriculum and training goes hand in hand to be successful in areas of law enforcement such crime scene investigation and forensics. The session will walk you through the beginning to end phases of processing a crime scene and how you can translate the classroom activity into a medal winning team for your school, but also chances to engage with industry professionals, teach new critical thinking components and best practices to keep students engaged.</div></div>	LSC Theater