Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training
Training Information Sheet

Senate Bill SB1852

Senate Bill 1852, in effect September 1, 2023, essentially mandates the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) to adjust the minimum training requirements so that all Texas Peace Officers must attend a minimum of 16 hours of ALERRT active shooter training per 2-year training cycle. The bill also amends sections of the Occupations Code which governs law enforcement continuing education. See the actual bill here: SB1852. See which ALERRT courses count for the mandate below.

Definitions

Train the Trainer Course (TtT)

A Train the Trainer Course (TtT or T3) course is an instructor level course designed to certify students so that they may instruct all or portions of the associated users level course to their own and partner agencies. E.g., a successful graduate of a Level 1 TtT may then instruct blocks from, or the entire 2-day Level 1 curriculum to their own agency. Those courses may also be supported by ALERRT Logistics.

Certified Instructor (CI)

A Certified Instructor (CI) is a student who has successfully completed an ALERRT Train the Trainer (TtT) course. This certification enables a successful graduate of a Level 1 TtT, for example to then instruct blocks from, or the entire 2-day Level 1 curriculum to their own agency.

Adjunct Instructor (AI)

An Adjunct Instructor is an independent contractor who is hired and paid by ALERRT to deliver direct delivery classes of the various curriculums.

Direct Delivery

A direct delivery class is any in-person course of the ALERRT suite of classes that is completely supported by the ALERRT Center with Adjunct Instructors, materials and equipment.

Indirect Delivery

An Indirect Delivery is any in-person course of the ALERRT suite of classes that is instructed by local Certified Instructors. ALERRT may or may not be able to support indirect delivery classes with materials and equipment.

ALERRT e-Learning

ALERRT offers several online courses and webinars on their e-Learning site. Some of the courses are reportable to TCOLE and POST. See the courses here: elearning.alerrt.org

Instructor Resources

Once a student successfully completes any ALERRT Train the Trainer (TtT) course they are given permission to access the instructor resources for that Specific course. Resources include the manual, PowerPoints, related videos, tests and course paperwork. To access the resources instructors must have an ALERRT profile.

Frequently Asked Questions

- *Will I Receive TCOLE Credit for ALERRT Training?*
  - Yes. As of August 14, 2023, ALERRT will report all the TCOLE hours for all direct delivery and online training conducted by ALERRT in Texas. For indirect and informal training, as well as other states, your agency is responsible for reporting your training hours. See below for more information on reporting responsibility and which courses count toward TCOLE credit and the SB1852.

- *Who is responsible for Reporting My ALERRT Training*?
  - As of August 14, 2023, ALERRT will report all the TCOLE hours for all direct delivery and online training. Your agency is responsible for reporting all your indirect and/or informal training hours using the certificate generated on your online ALERRT account. If you are unsure, please contact the host of training to determine if you should report it through your agency. TCOLE does not allow for double reporting. See TCOLE FAQ section for more information.

- *Which ALERRT courses are TCOLE accepted and count toward SB1852 mandate*?
  - ALERRT Level I (3311)
  - ALERRT Level I - TtT (3315)
  - ALERRT Update (3312) 1-24 hours reportable
  - ALERRT First Responder Breaching (3317)
  - ALERRT First Responder Breaching - TtT (3376)
  - ALERRT First Responder Operating in Low-Light (3318)
  - ALERRT Active Attack Integrated Response (3381)
  - ALERRT Active Attack Integrated Response - TtT (3380)
  - ALERRT Solo Officer Rapid Deployment (3382)
  - ALERRT Solo Officer Rapid Deployment - TtT (3392)
  - ALERRT First Responder Medical (3357)
  - ALERRT First Responder Medical - TtT (3393)
  - ALERRT Exterior Response to Active Shooter Events (3394)
  - ALERRT Exterior Response to Active Shooter Events - TtT (3377)
  - ALERRT Medical Advanced Skills Course (3606)
  - ALERRT Active Shooter Incident Management (3607)
  - ALERRT Level 1 Instructor Recertification - online (in development) (3355)
  - Active Attack Event Response Leadership - online (667371)
  - Active Attack Emergency Communications - online (78052)

- *Which ALERRT courses do NOT count toward SB1852 mandate*?
  - ALERRT Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events - TtT (3604)
  - ALERRT Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events - TtT – online (3364)
  - ALERRT Civilian Response and Casualty Care - TtT (3378)
  - ALERRT Fire as a Weapon – online (3356)
    - These courses DO qualify for TCOLE training hours, but do not count toward the 16 hours of mandated ALERRT training.

- *Will TCOLE allow a course curriculum to be split into smaller blocks of instruction and/or delivered over time?*
  - Yes. Any agency teaching an indirect delivery of a full course can break up that curriculum into smaller blocks such as 2, 4, or 8 hours.
    - E.g., a 2-day Level 1 user course can be broken down into 2-hour blocks that can be delivered over several months at the convenience of the agency. See also TCOLE Reporting below for how to report hours in this configuration.

- *How do we report TCOLE hours if a full course is delivered in blocks?*
  - If an ALERRT course curriculum is indirectly delivered in blocks, TCOLE reporting on TCLEDDS will happen one time at the end of the last block using the course completion date of the last day. It is still a TCOLE requirement to have daily sign in TCOLE rosters for their records, and is the agency's responsibility to manage rostering, attendance and documentation over that time.
    - E.g., an agency delivers a 16-hour Level 1 course in 4-hour blocks once a week for 4 weeks. The agency will complete and maintain all TCOLE requirements such as daily rosters and then upload a single TCOLE roster to TCLEDDS to report the full 16 hours one time at the end of the 4 weeks using the last instructor day as the end date of the course. A full course curriculum can be *delivered* in blocks but cannot be *reported* in blocks.

- *Can we get credit hours for delivering a portion or individual modules from a course?*
  - Yes. TCOLE will allow for teaching stand-alone individual modules from any ALERRT course. However, these smaller blocks will be reported separately as individual courses using the ALERRT Update number of 3312. See ALERRT Update below for more information.
    - E.g., an agency wants just to train on the tourniquet section of the Level 1 Direct Threat Care module for one hour. The hour will be reported under 3312 as a stand-alone report. The agency is responsible for recording and reporting which module or subject was covered in their training records as well as the notes field on the TCLEDDS rostering site.

- *Where else can I find courses that will count toward the 16-hour TCOLE mandate?*
  - Online training courses can be found on the ALERRT e-Learning site elearning.alerrt.org

- *How is the ALERRT Update number of 3312 utilized?*
  - Once an officer has taken a full class, such as Level 1, the agency can use 3312 - ALERRT Update number to report continued module training for maintenance or updates. They will need to submit a detailed description in the notes section of TCLEDDS regarding which module they are training in. The 3312 reports must be fragments of ALERRT products and must go by the approved lesson plans. 3312 descriptions will be very important for record keeping. The 3312 Update can be used from 1 to 24 hours per training cycle.

- *Will I still get TCOLE credit hours if I fail the course?*
  - If a student fails a 2- or 3-day user course, then no TCOLE credit hours will be given. If a student successfully passes the first 2 days of a train the trainer course, but fails the instructor portion of the class, they may still earn 16 or 24 hours for the user course.

- E.g., A student successfully completes the first 2 days of a Level 1 TtT to include passing the post test, but fails the instructor teach back later in the week therefore they will only receive credit for 16 TCOLE hours and a certificate of attendance for the remainder of the TtT course.

- *Can our agency report our own ALERRT training hours to TCOLE?*
  - Yes. if the hosting agency is not reporting, agencies can report their own TCOLE hours from any of the above listed courses. However, TCOLE Contract Training providers, academies and academic alternative providers will still be required to report any training they host. When an agency reports any of their own training hours, they will need to submit the roster with the PID of the instructor with ALERRT CI status.

- *Where Can I Get More Specific Information?*
  - For more information regarding the bill, see SB1852. Visit the TCOLE website TCOLE and see the TCOLE Training Provider resources page at Resources which includes examples, requirements, suggestions and downloadable guidelines.