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Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers: Preparing America's Law Enforcement to Protect the Homeland

Throughout several years, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center has played an integral role in the development of training platforms for the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS). Commissioned personnel of the TXDPS Education Training Research Division have invested in FLETC's training curriculum and diverse training opportunities nurturing our continued efforts to ensure we are developing sound, relevant, and credentialed programming. Particularly, in the area of Arrest Control Tactics, Physical Fitness Testing/Assessment, and Vehicle Operations.

Our agency has sent personnel to FLETC installations in Glencoe and Artesia. We have also taken advantage of FLETC's export program to bring training to our HQs in Austin, Texas. During the last 14 years, professionally, I have attended and completed the following FLETC accredited programs: Law Enforcement Fitness Coordinator Training Program (LEFCTP-001B – 2010), and the Law Enforcement Control Tactics Instructor Training Program (2005 & 2016). The *Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation* accredits these programs; which is why DPS continues to utilize training offered by FLETC. These programs have led to significant impactful changes within DPS training platforms, which, currently, imbed within the Trooper Trainee (academy) and in-service (incumbent) training.

One of these significant and impactful platforms is the TXDPS Physical Fitness Testing and Assessment Model. This new award winning fitness testing model is sweeping across the state of Texas, Nation and Canada. The foundations within the FLETC's Law Enforcement Fitness Coordinator Training Program inspired the evolution for this platform. As a result, we have been able to lower our risk of injury to all populations (academy/incumbent) and garner support from risk management, legal, and EEO/ADA. In addition, upon request, we continue to share presentations of our model with the following entities: The International Chiefs of Police Association S&P, State Police and Provincial Academy Directors, Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMITE) (Texas Law Enforcement Police Chief and Command Staff Leadership Series).

Another impactful platform is our Arrest Control Tactics Training. Our agency adopted the FLETC Law Enforcement Control Tactics Instructor Training Program and fully implemented in both our academy and incumbent training. In addition, this FLETC curriculum has, also, lowered our risk of injury to our personnel both academy and incumbent. Injuries are a significant point of concern for agencies across the United States. Efforts by agencies to reduce the risk of injury is of the utmost focus. FLETC efforts to provide agencies of the State and local with training curriculums based on medical, tactical, legal, risk management, peer reviewed, and relevant research is critical to the law enforcement-training infrastructure.

Of equal value and appreciation from the State and local is the level of professionalism that proliferates through FLETC's administrative support personnel, staff, instructor cadre and leadership. The environment this team creates is conducive to a healthy learning experience and a valuable relationship year after year.

Future:

In recognition of the IACP 21st Century Recommendations for Law Enforcement Agencies – 6th Pillar: Office Safety, Wellness, and Health; as well as, De-escalation directives, I would like FLETC – State and Local - to continue its tradition of excellence in training by continuing to build programs and curriculums that nurture these recommendations and directives.

Respectfully Submitted,

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