



***Training Law Enforcement  
in  
Environmental Crimes***

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## ***Last Time***

**Patrol Officers are the Backbone of Law Enforcement**

**So much time and money spent on big crimes.**

**Drugs**

**Burglary**

**Traffic (DWI, DUI)**

**Gangs**

**All important problems, no doubt**



## ***Last Time*** *cont.*

- **There is a lack of understanding in Law Enforcement about Environmental Crimes.**
- **Not everyone see's the importance**
- **In Fact, Illegal Dumping cost Tax Payers \$1,000's of dollars each year.**



# *Example*

Tarrant County dedicates approximately \$387,899 to its illegal dumping cleanup, enforcement and education/outreach efforts.

Approximately 51 percent of that budget is directed at clean-up activities,

39 percent of the budget is dedicated to environmental enforcement,

10 percent of the budget is applied to education and outreach activities,



## ***Educating the Patrol Officer***

**“You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink.”**

**Texas Commission on Law Enforcement  
Officers Standards & Education  
(TCLEOSE)**

**Requires minimum 40 hrs. of training every  
2 years (certain classes are mandatory)**



# ***Training Opportunities***

- 1) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
CELE Training (Criminal Environmental Law Enforcement)**
  
- 2) Texas Environmental Law Enforcement Assn.  
Next level of training above CELE**
  
- 3) Environmental Protection Agency  
Advanced Environmental Crimes Training Program  
(must be nominated and meet certain criteria)**



# ***Local Training***

- **Brazos River Authority**
- **Hosted several Law Enforcement Training Classes**
- **Support from Lower Colorado River Authority**



This doesn't mean:

A waste hauler dumping produced water less than 2000 mg/l of chlorides is innocent.

TCEQ sets standards for the release of chlorides into waters of the state.

Lake Granbury's permitted level 1000 mg/l of Chlorides.

Different waters may have different levels.







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## Spill Response & Emergency Actions



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# ***Topics Covered:***

- **Texas Health & Safety Code**
- **Texas Water Code**
- **Outdoor Burning**
- **Evidence Collecting**
- **Building a Prosecutors Notebook**



## ***Additional Training***

- **Texas Illegal Dumping Resource Center**
- **John H. Ockels, Ph.D Director**
- **[www.tidrc.org](http://www.tidrc.org)**
  
- **"Illegal Dumping Enforcement Training"**  
8 hours credit  
Greenville, March 10  
Amarillo, April 23 - Free
- **"Foreclosure and Property Enforcement"**  
6 hours credit  
Greenville, April 14
- **"Coordinated Local Environmental Enforcement"**  
6 hours credit  
Sherman, Apr 17 - Free



## ***Conclusion***

- **The Training is Available.**
- **Law Enforcement is required to have training.**
- **The bottom Line:**
- **Is it cheaper to Prevent or Repair?**



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