

COMPETITOR INFORMATION

Purpose To encourage students to develop the skill sets, communication skills and safety precautions required by police officers as they conduct a traffic stop. Students will be able to demonstrate safety skills, proper communication, to include de-escalation techniques, professional interpersonal skills and the completion of a traffic citation.

Description This is an individual event. Competitors will simulate a traffic stop related to a misdemeanor traffic violation. Students will utilize one (1) patrol vehicle to conduct a traffic stop on a violator vehicle in the simulation. Students will demonstrate their skills through proper radio communications, verbal commands and execute the traffic stop based upon contemporary applicable skills. The event will be timed and evaluated according to the event guidelines.

Dress Code Competitors shall wear a uniform consistent with current standards in law enforcement patrol as defined in TPSA policies. The student shall wear a duty belt throughout the duration of this event.

Maximum Teams 3

Competitors Per Team 1

- Event Rules**
- Competitors in this event must be active members of the Texas Public Service Association and in good standing with the Texas Public Service Association.
 - Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the Texas Public Service Association Bylaws and Code of Conduct.
 - Plagiarism, copyright violation and falsification of information are prohibited. Any attempt to gain an unfair advantage will not be tolerated. Violation of the code of conduct or bylaws will result in disqualification and revocation of Texas Public Service Association membership.
 - The scenario is a secret topic. Professional ethics demand that competitors DO NOT discuss or reveal the secret topic until after the event has concluded. Violation of the ethics rules will result in disqualification and revocation of Texas Public Service Association membership.
 - The room monitor will set a timer for ten(10) minutes. Upon the call of start the moderator will start the timer and the competitor will contact dispatch to advise of the traffic stop.
 - The room moderator will call “time” when the 10 minute timer sounds. Competitors who have not completed the traffic stop when time is called will receive a “DNF/DQ”. Teams who receive a “DNF/DQ” will place behind teams who complete the event in the allotted time period. Teams who receive a “DNF/DQ” shall not

advance to state competition regardless of the amount of teams participating in the competition.

- Students will be judged on proper radio procedures, officer safety, weapons safety, officer/citizen contact, accuracy and thoroughness of completed citation.
- There will be 1 actor (suspect) and the scenario will remain constant for each competitor.
- A physical address or description will be provided to each competitor so they can relay proper information to dispatch.
- Judge(s) have final decision on all judging criteria
- All vehicles will be put in place, no student is allowed to operate any of the vehicles.
- This event will not require the actor to exit the vehicle.
- Failure to bring a TPSA citation will result in DQ.

- Event Procedures**
1. Competitor(s)/Team(s) will report to their respective event when called for or at a set reporting time.
 2. Competitor(s)/Team(s) must check in with event management upon arrival and present photo identification for verification.
 3. Competitor(s)/Team(s) will be directed (by room moderator) into the event room.
 4. Instructions will be given (by room moderator) to the Competitor(s)/Team(s).
 5. The Judge will brief each student on the scenario, providing a good physical address students can use during radio communications.
 6. Upon the call of "start" the competitor will contact dispatch.
 7. Competitors will conduct the traffic stop and time will end once the competitor has advised dispatch of their disposition.
 8. Competitors will return to their staging area once the event has concluded.

- Competitor Supplies**
- ☐ Photo Identification (See [Policies](#) for more information)
 - ☐ Black Ink Pen
 - ☐ Clipboard (For Citations)
 - ☐ TPSA Citation (located on website)

EVENT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

- Event Personnel**
- **Event Manager:** Manages the competitors, makes sure the event is running on time, i.e. runs the event outside the “room”.
 - **Event Moderator:** Provides quality assurance for the event by ensuring that the guidelines are followed, all event documents are complete, and is the timekeeper if applicable. The room moderator operates inside the event room during the competition.
 - **1x Judges:** Judges the competition
 - **Event assistants:** per stage if a multi-stage event.
 - **1x Actor(s):** Will simulate needed scenarios accurately portraying real life events.
- Event Facilities**
- Concrete outdoor area with enough room to accomodate a patrol vehicle and a civilian vehicle in a standard traffic stop. This event will be conducted outdoors regardless of weather conditions.
- Event Equipment**
- One (1) Patrol Vehicle equipped with light bar/ siren/ PA system
 - One (1) Civilian Vehicle

SCORING INFORMATION

CRITERIA	LOWEST POINTS	HIGHEST POINTS
Radio Procedures		
Notification of stop to dispatch	0	5
Use	0	5
Clarity	0	5
Advised dispatch appropriate vehicle information/description	0	5
Emergency Equipment		
Utilized Emergency Lighting	0	1
Vehicle Approach		
Exited the vehicle in a timely manner after notification of stop	0	5
Safe approach to vehicle on initial contact	0	5
Checked to make sure trunk was closed	0	5
Violator Contact		
Officer requested proper documents from the violator	0	5
Officer's verbal contact was clear and understandable	0	5
Officer identified him/herself	0	5
Officer advised the violator of the reason for the stop	0	5
Officer had the violator keep hands in view at all times	0	5
Proper officer temperament	0	5
Return to Patrol Vehicle		
Safe return to patrol vehicle	0	5
Proper radio contact with dispatch	0	5
Requested driver's license check	0	5

Requested warrants check	0	5
Requested vehicle return	0	5
Citation		
Completion	0	5
Accuracy	0	5
Legibility	0	5
Competitor provided TPSA citation printed front and back	DQ	0
Re-approach to Violator Vehicle		
Safe approach to vehicle	0	5
Explained front side of citation to violator	0	5
Explained back side of citation to violator	0	5
Had violator sign citation and explained the signature is not an admission of guilt	0	5
Safety		
Officer maintain weapon safety (gun side away) during violator contact	0	5
Officer minimize his/her exposure during violator contact	0	5
Officer checked his/her surroundings for safety during entire event	0	5
Conclusion		
Safe return to patrol vehicle	0	5
Advised dispatcher of disposition	0	5
Officer was courteous during the entire stop	0	5

All points are assumed to be scaled low to high, with high being the best unless specified by Yes/No or other scoring procedure.