

Public Information Officer Training for House Bill 33 Requirements

The following four courses satisfy the requirement for the “HB 33 for Public Information Officers” course for members of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE):

- Bill Blackwood LEMIT Public Information Officer course
- TEEX MGT 318 Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident
- FBI LEEDA Media and Public Relations course
- FBI LEEDA Master PIO course

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Follow the steps below to upload your certificate to your PreparingTexas.org account:

Upon logging into your account, click “Request Credit” on the left.

On the Credit Request page, click “Request New Credit.”

Type the Course name from the certificate.

Leave the Reason for Requesting Credit as “Need Prerequisite for Class Enrollment.”

The number of Requested Credits is **2.0**. Select “HB33” from the box under Equivalent Course.

Drag your certificate file into the bottom box.

Click “Request Credit.”

The form fields shown are:

- Activity Date (*): 12/05/2025
- Course (*): MGT-318: Public Information in an All-Hazards Incidents
- Reason for Requesting Credit? (*): Need Prerequisite for Class Enrollment
- Equivalent Course (*): HB33 for Public Information Officers (HB33)
- Requested Credits (*): 2.0

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