Public Information Officer (PIO)

PIOs are expected to complete training no later than the first anniversary of their appointment as a PIO and then annually thereafter. All existing PIOs are expected to complete the training by 9/1/26.

Below is a list of approved courses that can be completed to meet the requirements from HB33:

- Bill Blackwood LEMIT Public Information Officer course (#666038)
- TEEX MGT 318 Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident (#666318)
- FBI LEEDA Media and Public Relations course (#3763)
- FBI LEEDA Master Public Information Officer (#3775)
- FEMA/NIMS Advanced Public Information Officer (#667388)
- FEMA/NIMS All-Hazard Public Information Officer (#667952)
- TDEM Texas Public Information Officer Course (#664033)

Once training is completed, the PIO will need to complete the certification through TDEM.

How to Complete Certification to TDEM:

1. Select and complete one approved course from the list above.

2. Save your completion certificate, ensuring your name and TCOLE PID are clearly displayed.

3. Upload your certificate to https://www.preparingtexas.org/

For further information, please see the Technical Assistance Bulletin here - public-information-officer-certification-training.pdf.