

PROCLAMATION
APPOINTMENT OF
SELECT COMMITTEE ON EMERGING ISSUES IN TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 16, House Rules, I, Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, create the House Select Committee on Emerging Issues in Texas Law Enforcement.

Since the Republic, Texas law enforcement officers have provided for the safety and security of the citizens of this state in difficult and challenging times. Texas peace officers face the challenging task of protecting Texas citizens from rapidly changing and emerging threats while remaining faithful to the federal and state constitutions. It is not just enough for the legislature to appreciate the work of Texas law enforcement; the Legislature must also ensure that the training and professional needs of law enforcement are understood and met, that the legislature addresses emerging issues and threats that law enforcement faces, and that the public safety of Texas citizens is always protected and properly constitutionally safeguarded.

The Committee shall investigate and review the training and professional needs of law enforcement in the state of Texas, including the award and sufficiency of law enforcement training grants, methods of training, and types of training-including training in emerging or changing threats such as human trafficking, mental health crisis and confrontation, organized crime, and critical incident shooting.

Further, the Committee shall also examine and address emerging use of new technologies by law enforcement in policing and community interaction, including the use of body cameras, drones, and the rise of various information technology collection and sorting systems

Finally, the Committee shall examine any changes necessary to assure that each Texas law enforcement officer is provided with the necessary and appropriate tools and protocols to increase public safety of all Texans, including the safety of Texas peace officers. The committee shall have 7 members.

The following members are hereby appointed to the House Select Committee on Emerging Issues in Texas Law Enforcement.

Fletcher, Allen, Chair
Dukes, Dawnna, Vice-Chair
Flynn, Dan
Koop, Linda
Márquez, Marisa
Martinez, Armando
White, James