

TEXAS POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION – LECOP RECIPIENTS



Law Enforcement Command Officer Program (LECOP) – Awardee #1



Commander Gary Hiatt – Waco Police Department

Award Date: October 26, 2021

Commander Hiatt began his career with the Waco Police Department in 2008 after serving in the U.S. Army. He rose through the ranks and was promoted to the rank of Commander in May, 2021 and assigned to Patrol Operations. Commander Hiatt credits much of his success as a leader to the TPCA Law Enforcement Officer Program and its' instructors.

Law Enforcement Command Officer Program (LECOP) – Awardee #2



Assistant Director Justin Scott – TX Comptroller of Public Accounts, CID

Award Date: November 15, 2021

A.D. Scott is a 28 year LE veteran with over 18 years with the Comptroller's CID. He served as Sgt. Investigator, Regional Commander and Captain of Field Operations before being promoted to Deputy Chief/Assistant Director of CID in July, 2021. He holds a BBA from Abilene Christian Univ. and an MS in Criminal Justice from UT-Permian Basin. He previously served as a Sergeant with the Odessa Police Dept.

Law Enforcement Command Officer Program (LECOP) – Awardee #3



Commander Anthony (Tony) Lourence – Killeen Police Department

Award Date: December 14, 2021

Commander Lourence started with the Killeen PD in 1998 after service in the United States Marine Corps. He is currently the Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division, having served as a Patrol Watch Commander, Training/Academy Coordinator, Field Training Sergeant, Personnel Hiring and Recruiting, Academy Instructor, Detective, Crisis Negotiator, Honor Guard and FTO. Cmdr. Lourence says, "I am honored to have had the opportunity to complete the TPCA-LECOP. The knowledge, training and experience I have gained from this program, the instructors, and the students that attended the program courses has undoubtedly contributed to me becoming a better Texas LE professional to better serve the public and my Department. Thank you TPCA".

Law Enforcement Command Officer Program (LECOP) – Awardee #4



Commander Pedro Soto – Waco Police Department

Award Date: December 28, 2021

Commander Soto has served 21 years with the Waco PD. He is the Commander over the Professional Development and Recruiting Division. He has served as a Patrol Commander and as a Sgt. in Family Violence, Field Training and Patrol. He was also a SWAT Operator and Academy Instructor. Commander Soto holds a BBA from UT-Arlington and a Masters degree in CJ from Tarleton State Univ. Commander Soto states, *“The training I received from the TPCA Instructors, along with the engaging discussions, have been invaluable to my development as a Law Enforcement Leader. I attribute my growth and development as a professional to the LECOP program and I am excited to be a recipient of this award”*