

Figure: 37 TAC §159.9(b)

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (Commission) and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Department) under Tex. Occ. Code § 1701.257.

As such, the Commission and Department enter into this MOU to establish responsibilities in developing a basic training program in the use of firearms by community supervision and corrections department officers (CSCDO) and parole officers (PO). The program established under this MOU must provide instruction in:

1. Legal limitations on the use of firearms and on the powers and authority of the CSCDO and PO;
2. Range firing and procedure;
3. Firearms safety and maintenance; and
4. Other topics determined by each agency to be necessary for the responsible use of firearms by the CSCDO and PO.

In consideration of the mutual benefits of both parties, it is agreed:

1. CSCDO and PO are not “County Jailer(s),” “officers,” or “Peace Officers” as defined by Tex. Occ. Code § 1701.001.
2. The Department shall, on the basis of training needs, develop instructor lesson plans containing learning objectives and student evaluations for each course. The provided courses shall be in accordance with the Commission’s rules or as approved in writing by the Commission.
3. The Department shall obtain access to Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Data Distribution System (TCLEDDS) and submit to the Commission, *via* TCLEDDS, a report of training for each course conducted.
4. The Commission will issue a certificate of firearms proficiency to each CSCDO and PO after successful completion of a program established under this MOU.
5. The Commission may suspend this MOU if the Department is found to be unsatisfactory under the risk assessment process as defined by Tex. Occ. Code ch. 1701 or Commission rules. The Commission shall reinstate this MOU once the Department has made the necessary changes as directed by the Commission.

Executed in two originals on the dates shown.

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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