

**SERGEANT RONALD COOKS, B.A.A.S., INCI**

*Training Coordinator*

*Advanced Police Officer (TCOLE)*

*Advanced Instructor Proficiency (TCOLE)*

*Nationally Certified Instructor (IADLEST)*

*University of Houston-Downtown Police Department*



Ronald Cooks is an Advanced Peace Officer who leverages an Associate of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies from Houston Community College (2019 – High Honors) and a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science-Criminal Justice from the University of Houston-Downtown (2019 – Cum Laude). Additionally, he holds multiple leadership certifications: Psychology of Leadership (Cornell University), Supervision of Police Personnel (Northwestern University), Public Safety Supervisor (Texas A&M), Supervisor Leadership Institute (FBI-LEEDA), Command Staff Leadership Institute (FBI-LEEDA), and Executive Leadership Institute (FBI-LEEDA). Ronald has, also, received FBI-LEEDA’s prestigious Trilogy and eTrilogy Awards.

Commencing his law enforcement career in 2015, with the Houston Independent School District Police Department, Ronald gained experience in campus and patrol operations. During this tenure, he discovered and acted upon his interest in instruction by attending Basic Instructor School (2017) and gaining his Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Basic Instructor Proficiency (2018). As his interest evolved to passion, Ronald gained his Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor Proficiency and other instructor certifications to include Stop the Bleed Instructor, ALERRT Level 1 Instructor (law enforcement active attack response), Taser Instructor, Patrol Rifle Instructor, De-escalation Instructor, Civilian Active Shooter Response Instructor, Extendable Baton Instructor, O.C Spray Instructor, and Arrest Procedures Instructor. Ronald earned his Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Advance Instructor Proficiency in 2022 and became an International Association of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) Nationally Certified Instructor in 2023.

Ronald is a certified Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Mental Health Officer and Field Training Officer. He holds additional certifications in/as a hostage negotiation, infrastructure protection, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Glock armorer, AR-15 armorer, property/evidence technician and Special Response Team (Riot/Crowd Control – Houston Police Department).

Currently Ronald is employed with and serves the University of Houston-Downtown Police Department as a Sergeant and Training Coordinator tasked with supervising the department’s Training Division. In this role, he is tasked with managing all aspects of training to include curriculum development and instruction, instructor team supervision and mentorship, field training (field training officers and probationary police officers) and training accreditation compliance (IACLEA).

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