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Michael Ferguson is the lead instructor of Criminal Justice at Kilgore College in Kilgore Texas, teaches at the East Texas Police Academy, and is an adjunct lecturer of Criminal Justice for Sam Houston State University and the University of Texas at Tyler. Michael has had the unique experience of seeing the criminal justice system from multiple perspectives: as a street cop; as a victim of crime, having suffered serious bodily injury in a nearly fatal, on-duty crash with an intoxicated driver; as a law enforcement trainer at one of the largest regional police academies in the State of Texas; and, finally, as an academic criminal justice instructor.

Ferguson holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice from Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas; a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science (double-major) from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas; and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. In addition to his academic degrees, Michael holds a Master Peace Officer certificate, Advanced Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Jailer License, and Investigative Hypnotist certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement ("TCOLE"). Ferguson is a Nationally Certified Instructor™ through IADLEST, is a member of ILEETA, a member of the American Criminal Justice Association and the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, and is a longtime member of both the Texas Police Association and the East Texas Peace Officers' Association. Ferguson served for several years as member-at-large on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee of the East Texas Council of Governments. Ferguson is also a Texas-certified public school teacher in the fields of history and government, grades six through twelve.

Although Michael primarily taught criminal law, arrest/search/seizure, police emergency driver improvement, and firearms during his tenure as a police academy instructor, his law enforcement focus these days is instructor development, curriculum creation and improvement, and the effective use of multimedia in law enforcement training. Over the past decade, Michael served on multiple TCOLE curriculum committees, including the committee to revise the basic peace officer licensing course; the committee to revise intermediate certification courses; and the legislatively mandated legal update courses that are taught to the approximately 77,000 peace officers in the state after each biennial legislative session. These curricula are written in such a way as to make them as easy to use as possible by those who much teach them. Ferguson also presents, with one of his legal update committee co-members, a train-the-trainer session to the 600-700 attendees at the TCOLE Training Coordinators' Conference after the legal update curricula are distributed every two years.

In addition to other courses and presentations, Michael created and taught "Rethinking Your Presentations: Avoiding Death by PowerPoint" to the regional meeting of IADLEST and presented "PREZI: A New Way of Using Visual Media" at a state training conference in Corpus Christi, Texas. Ferguson's two-part article entitled "Admissions, Confessions, and Miranda: The Basics All Texas Peace Officers Need to Know" was published in the November/December, 2010, edition (part one) and the January/February, 2011, edition (part two) of the *Texas Police Journal*.