



Hidalgo Police Department Law Enforcement Academy

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The Honorable Celestino Avila
Constable
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The Hidalgo Police Department Law Enforcement Academy conducts basic peace officer academies, in which cadets complete a minimum of 736 hours to graduate: Chapter 22 TIMS (20 hours), Chapter 34 Professional Police Driving (32 hours), Chapter 35 Patrol Skills (46 hours), and Chapter 41 Firearms (48 hours). The cadets utilize police vehicles for training and demonstration purposes to provide a real-world experience/scenario.

Currently, the Law Enforcement Academy is using Ford Crown Victoria vehicles with interior emergency equipment. The specific model of police units has been discontinued and is no longer used by most law enforcement agencies. We respectfully request for the Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Constable's Office to consider donating their decommissioned SUV Tahoe police units with emergency equipment, no longer being utilized. The LEA's goal is to properly train cadets with the type of equipment they will use when they are hired. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Cruz", is written over a blue line.

Sergeant Albert Cruz
Academy Director/Training Coordinator
City of Hidalgo Police Department
Law Enforcement Academy