

Advanced Illegal Dumping Enforcement on Thursday, May 15th

This will be an advanced class open to all governmental workers on advanced use of the laws and approaches available to local governments to combat illegal dumping. It is primarily focused on issues that law enforcement practitioners are likely to encounter and, hence, may be of only limited value to others;

CEU Credits

Six (6) CEU's for law enforcement. (TCOLE 3880 Environmental Law Enforcement). Two (2) TDLR credits for code enforcement officers, registered sanitarians, and all others. Credit for completion of *Legal / Legislative Updates Related to the Profession of Code Enforcement* is NOT included in this class.

It is appropriate for the following:

Municipal police, county deputies, constables, fire marshals, specialized environmental enforcement officers, emergency management coordinators; felony and misdemeanor prosecutors; health department officers; city and county elected officials and staff needing an exposure to practical enforcement issues.

Learning Objectives:

1. Demonstrate the importance of dealing with illegal dumping as a public health issue;
2. Provide a review of primary Texas anti-pollution laws (i.e., THSC Chapters 341, 343, and 365; TWC Sections 7.145 and 7.147 (water pollution);
Section 7.176 (waste oil dumping); and Section 7.185 (lead-acid battery dumping);
3. Provide a description of the process of case investigation and preparation for prosecutors;
4. Discuss the use of cameras, drones, and related technology;
5. Discuss problems commonly encountered by local officers in enforcing anti-pollution laws;
6. Test the learning that has taken place in the class (for those seeking CEU credits).

Contents:

Controlling illegal dumping as a public health policy;
Review of overall structure of state and local anti-pollution enforcement

- Administrative; Civil; Criminal; Municipal Code Approaches
- Criminal enforcement options for local governments

County Illegal Dumping Enforcement Report Cards;
Standard steps in case investigations;
Abatement Through Enforcement;
Technology: drones and cameras;
Case studies;
Building successful local enforcement programs;
Officer safety in a complex and chaotic enforcement environment;
Online test for those seeking CEU credits (open book, to be completed within 24 hours of course completion; passing grade 70% correct; one retake allowed)

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