

INTRODUCTION TO THE TEXAS TERRORIST OFFENDER REGISTRY



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INTRODUCTIONS

   

Name Agency Experience Expectations

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Distinguish	Distinguish the concept and value of the new Terrorist Offender Registry.
Identify	Identify reportable offenses and substantially similar offense determinations.
Identify	Identify the similarities and differences between the TOR and the Sex Offender Registry (SOR).

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TEXAS TERRORIST OFFENDER REGISTRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 88th Legislature enacted the Terrorist Offender Registration Program in Senate Bill (SB) 1518, creating Chapter 65 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
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U.S. AND STATE TERRORISM CONCERNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 June 2024, Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) is concerned about the potential of an organized attack in the United States, similar to the March 2024 attack in Russia, which killed at 144 people. • Parker County, Texas arrests two in hoax bomb threat.
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TEXAS TERRORIST OFFENDER REGISTRY

- State Registry managed by the Texas Department of Public Safety
- Convicted or adjudicated for reportable offenses
- Established criteria

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WHY DO YOU CARE?

- Enhances Officer Safety
- Coordination and Information Sharing
- Enhances Public Safety

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TEST UNIT 1.0

The Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) and the Texas Terrorist Offender Registry have the same requirements for registry.

True
False

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2.0 REPORTABLE OFFENSES AND SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR OFFENSES

Learning Objective 2:
Identify reportable offenses and substantially similar offense determinations.

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WHAT IS A REPORTABLE OFFENSE?

Conviction or adjudication of delinquent conduct or deferred adjudication.

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CHAPTER 76 OF THE TEXAS PENAL CODE

76.02 Terrorism- commits or conspires to commit that offense under:

- Chapter 19 Homicide;
- Section 20.03 Unlawful Restraint;
- Section 20.03 Kidnapping;
- Section 20A.02 Trafficking of Persons;
- Section 22.02 Aggravated Assault;
- Section 22.021 Ag Sex Assault;
- Section 22.05 Deadly Conduct, if punishable as a felony;
- Section 22.07 Terroristic Threat, if punishable as a felony;
- Section 22.09 Tampering with Consumer Product;
- Section 28.02 Arson;
- Section 28.07 Interference with Railroad Property, if punishable as a felony;
- Section 29.03 Aggravated Robbery;
- Section 38.152 Interference with Radio Frequency Licensed to Govt Entity, if punishable as a felony; or
- Section 46.06 Hoax Bombs.

With the Intent to:

- intimidate or coerce the public or a substantial group of the public; or
- influence, by intimidation or coercion, the policy, conduct or activities of this state, a political subdivision of this state, or the United States.

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**CH 76.03
AIDING IN THE
COMMISSION
OF
TERRORISM**

- Aiding in the Commission of Terrorism-
 - raises, solicits, collects, or provides material support or resources with intent or knowledge that the material support or resources will be used, wholly or partly, to solicit, direct, supervise, plan, prepare, promote, carry out, assist, or aid in committing an offense under the section defining Terrorism.
 - Material Support or resources means:
 - Financing;
 - instruments of value;
 - lodging; safehouses; facilities;
 - training; personnel; transportation;
 - false documentation or identification;
 - communications equipment; computer equipment; software;
 - a deadly weapon; lethal substances; an explosive weapon or components of an explosive weapon, a chemical dispensing device, or a hoax bomb; and
 - other tangible assets, other than medical care provided by a licensed health care provider or religious materials.

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**CH 76.04
HINDERING
PROSECUTION
OF
TERRORISM**

- HINDERING PROSECUTION OF TERRORISM- With intent to hinder the arrest, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of another for an offense under 76.02 or 76.03 defining Terrorism and Aiding in the Commission of Terrorism
 - harbors or conceals the other;
 - provides or aids in providing the other with any means of avoiding arrest or effecting escape;
 - warns the other of impending discovery or apprehension; or
 - tampers with any physical evidence that might aid in the discovery or apprehension of the other.

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**UNIT 2.2
FEDERAL
CRIMES OF
TERRORISM**

- 2332b(5) "Federal crime of terrorism" means an offense that is calculated to influence or affect the conduct of government by intimidation or coercion, or to retaliate against government conduct.
- 2332f Bombings of places of Public Use, Government Facilities, Public Transportation Systems, and Infrastructure Facilities
- 2332g Missile Systems Designed to Destroy Aircraft
- 2332h Radiological Dispersal Devices
- 2332i Acts of Nuclear Terrorism

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SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR OFFENSES

The Texas DPS will determine whether any offenses committed under other state, country, or Uniform Code of Military Justice that are substantially similar will be eligible for registration.

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TEST UNIT 2.0

Which of the following is considered Material Support/Resources?
 A) Providing Training
 B) Providing Deadly Weapon
 C) Providing Software
 D) All of the Above

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UNIT 3.0 SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TOR AND SOR



TOR PROGRAM IS MODELED AFTER THE SOR PROGRAM. LEGAL LANGUAGE, FORMS, AND PROCEDURES WILL MIMIC THE SOR PROGRAM.



SLIGHT VARIATIONS TO THE PROGRAM WILL NOT REQUIRE THE REGISTRAR TO FULLY LEARN A NEW PROGRAM.

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TOR – VS - SOR

Action	TOR	SOR
Time on the registry	Lifetime unless pardoned, conviction vacated, or a Judge determines a person no longer poses a threat. No requirement for proof of innocence in an appeal or pardon.	Post 10 or Lifetime Any appeal or pardon must be based upon proof of innocence.
Failure to Register	Felony Up to 2 nd Degree	Felony No limit
Punishment		
Public Facing Website	No	Yes
Registration Duties on Form	Yes	Yes
Time to Register	7 days	7 days

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TOR – VS – SOR CONT.

Action	TOR	SOR
Eligible	On or after 01/01/24	On or after 09/01/1970
Convictions		
Employment Restrictions	No prohibitions.	Some registrants cannot operate a bus, passenger taxicab or limo service; cannot provide unsupervised residential services; cannot operate any amusement ride.
School	No school notification upon entry.	School notification required upon entry (Daycare, Primary, or Secondary Schools).
Risk Assessment	No	Yes
Substantially Similar Offense	No appeal process.	Court appeal in Travis County Court.

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DATABASE ENTRY AND NOTIFICATION



All current registrants will be placed in an Excel file pending the acquisition of a permanent database.



Agencies will be notified by listserv of new registrants while the agency explores other methods of notification.

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TEST UNIT 3

TOR registration is Lifetime unless a conviction is vacated, pardoned, or if a judge determines the registrant no longer poses a threat.

- True
- False

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TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING TERRORISM CONTACT YOUR FUSION CENTER

- Texas Fusion Center (512)424-7981/(866)786-5972
- Austin Regional Intelligence Center (512)974-2742
- Dallas Fusion Center (214)671-3482
- Fort Worth Fusion Center (817)392-4697
- El Paso Multi-Agency Tactical Response Information eXchange (MATRIX) (915)832-3485
- Houston Regional Intelligence Service Center (713)884-4710
- North Texas Fusion Center (214)491-6800
- Southwest Texas Fusion Center (210)207-7680

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