

Mr. Paul “Mike” Cunningham, Texas System Police Association, Dallas, TX

Mike began his career with the UT System Police Department at UT Southwestern. From 2005 to the present, he served in various positions within the department, including as a Field Training Officer within the Patrol Division, a Detective in the Criminal Investigations Division and an Instructor within the Training Division. In 2015, Mike began teaching with the Cedar Valley College Law Enforcement Academy, where he researched, wrote and taught the Basic Peace Officer Course. He also designed coursework for the academy to be used by other instructors. Mike teaches in-service courses, to include K-9 Encounters, active shooter training and Critical Incident Training. Mike is a Master Peace Officer licensed by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement and holds numerous certifications, including several instructor certifications from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In 2016, Mike took on the role of Law Enforcement Training Coordinator with G2 Security Solutions, Inc. In this position, he took on the responsibility to research, write and instruct courses aimed toward law enforcement officers, as well as, officers in the security and protective services industry.

Also, in 2016, the President and Vice President of the Texas System Police Association approached Mike to start a training division to serve the members and non-members of the association. As the Training Coordinator for the Texas System Police Association, Mike is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Training Division. His responsibilities include recruiting, training, managing instructors, as well as recommending, writing, reviewing and approving course material and curriculum for the Training Division. In addition, Mike is responsible for the successful coordination, staffing and completion of the Association’s Annual Membership and Training Conference.

In May 2019, Mike was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to patrol with the Dallas County Community College District Police Department. In this role, Mike helped lead and build an excellent patrol team dedicated to providing a safe learning environment for the students, faculty and staff.