

MORRIS COVIN

CERTIFIED FORENSIC LAW ENFORCEMENT POLYGRAPH EXAMINER

EXPERIENCE AT-A-GLANCE

- Over 33 years of faithful, active service to the polygraph community
- **1147 hours** of continuing education and advanced training
- Past President of the Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners
- Current Region IV Director of the American Association of Police Polygraphists
- Guest Expert Instructor for numerous State Polygraph associations and Governmental agencies
- Member in good standing with the American Polygraph Association, American Association of Police Polygraphists, Texas Association of Law Enforcement Polygraph Investigators and Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners

POLYGRAPH EDUCATION

1969

- Graduated from Polygraph Examiners School, Texas A&M University.
- Served continuous internship under Texas Board of Polygraph
- Passed written exam and received **Polygraph Examiners License No. 230**

POLYGRAPH CONTINUING EDUCATION AND SERVICE

** Continuing Education Hours (CEH)

1970 (16 CEH)

- *Houston Police Department* – Advanced polygraph technique instruction in 'question formulation, chart interpretation and abnormal behavior patterns of the individual'

1971 (41 CEH)

- *Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Academy (TDPSLEA)* –

Study of advanced procedures for police polygraph examiners

- 1972** (85 CEH)
- *Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners (TAPE)* – Chart interpretation and question formulation
 - *TDPSLE* – Study of advanced procedures and techniques for police polygraph examiners
 - *TAPE* – Completion of advanced course of study in test construction and question formation – ‘zone of comparison’ technique
- 1973** (24 CEH)
- *TAPE* – Completion of advanced course of study in ‘The Keeler technique of polygraph’
- 1974** (68 CEH)
- *TDPSLEA* – First annual Texas Police Polygraph Examiners (TPPE) seminar
 - *TAPE* – Completion of advanced course of study in ‘preparing for courtroom testimony and instrument calibration’
 - *TAPE* – Completion of advanced course of study in ‘pre-examination interviews and polygraph technique’
- 1975** (77 CEH)
- *TDPSLEA/TPPE* – Completion of a course study in ‘the advancement of police polygraphy in the state of Texas’
 - *TAPE* – Completion of study in ‘advanced polygraph techniques’
 - *TAPE* – Completion of advanced course of study in ‘preparation for courtroom testimony, from interview to completion’
- 1976** (16 CEH)
- *TAPE* – Completed training in ‘specialized interview and interrogation techniques’
- 1977** (16 CEH)
- *TAPE* – Completion of course of study in ‘advanced interrogation techniques’
- 1979** (16 CEH)
- Completion of course of study in ‘training intern polygraph examiners for the Texas board of polygraph examiners’
- 1982** (24 CEH)
- *TAPE* – Completion of advanced course of study in ‘modern advances in polygraphy’
- 1983** (72 CEH)
- Received ‘**Award of Honor**’ from the state of Texas board of polygraph examiners for ‘individual initiative and exceptional contribution to the advancement of polygraphy’
 - *TAPE, Texas Association of Police Polygraphists (TAPP), National Academy of Lady Polygraphists (NALP)* – Completed ‘advanced study in polygraph techniques and instrumentation’
 - *TAPE* – Completed training in ‘computer chart analysis’
 - *TAPE* – Completion of advanced course of study in ‘applied psychology in

polygraph'

- 1992** (48 CEH)
- *TAPE* – Completion of advanced course of study in ‘Americans with Disabilities Act with respect to polygraphy’
 - *TDPSLE*, *National Training Center of Polygraph Science (NTCPS)* – First annual Texas Association of Law Enforcement Polygraph Investigators (TALEPI) seminar. Completed ‘advanced study in polygraph procedures’
- 1993** (40 CEH)
- *TDPSLEA* – Second annual TALEPI seminar. Completed course in ‘investigative polygraph procedures, testing and related issues’. **Instructor** for ‘polygraph procedures for arson investigation cases’
- 1995** (40 CEH)
- *TDPSLEA* – Fourth annual TALEPI seminar. Completed course in ‘advanced polygraph procedures, effects of drugs and polygraph, police pre-employment, sex crimes and polygraph, use of interpreters and related issues’
- 1996** (60 CEH)
- *TAPE* – Completed study in ‘clinical polygraph examinations of sex offenders’
 - *TDPSLEA* – Fifth annual TALEPI seminar. Completed course in ‘advanced training in polygraph monitoring of the sex offender’ including several aspects of ‘clinical/maintenance polygraph testing of sex offenders’
- 1997** (68 CEH)
- *TAPE* – Completed study in ‘advanced polygraph techniques and courtroom testimony, part two’
 - *TDPSLEA* – Sixth annual TALEPI seminar. Completed ‘advanced training in polygraph technique standardization’, which included ‘rules/semantics of the ZCT, MGQT, Bi-Zone and GQT examination and neurophysiology/Axciton’
 - *TAPE* – Completed training in ‘clinical examinations of sex offenders’, which included ‘recommended guidelines for clinical polygraph examination of sex offenders and juvenile polygraph issues and considerations’
- 1998** (136 CEH)
- *TALEPI*, *Texas Police Association*, *Humble Texas Police Department*, *Axciton* – Completed ‘prescribed and advanced training in utilization of computerized polygraphy’
 - *TAPE* – Completed advanced course of study in ‘juvenile sex offenders as it relates to polygraph’
 - *American Association of Police Polygraphists (AAPP)* – Completed training in ‘assessment and treatment of sex offenders; clinical polygraph options; quality control procedures; standardized procedures within the federal government and related issues’
 - *TDPSLEA/TALEPI* – Completed advanced course of study in ‘polygraph and the sex offender’, which included ‘national overview of sexual assault; juvenile and adult sex offenders in Texas; community supervision of the

adult sex offender; treatment and the utilization of polygraph with adult sex offenders and profiling; pre-test and post test interview of the adult sex offender'

1999 (40 CEH)

- *AAPP* – Completed 'advanced training in the effects of hypnotic phenomena as to the detection of deception' cross cultural polygraph testing; effective use of polygraph in white collar crime and clinical polygraph testing with pre and post conviction testing on sex offenders'

2000 (100 CEH)

- *AAPP* – Completed 'advanced training in law enforcement and private sector polygraph procedure'
- *TDPSLEA/TALEPI*– Completed study in 'sex offender testing; validated techniques; criminal profiling; question formulation and police pre-employment procedures'
- *TAPE* – Completed study in 'polygraph techniques and polygraph testing the sex offender'

2001 (80 CEH)

- *AAPP* – Completed 'advanced study in polygraphy'
- *TDPSLEA/TALEPI*– Completed 'continuing education in administering professional polygraph examinations in criminal cases including sex offenders'
- *Colorado, Wyoming & Arizona Polygraph Examiners Associations* – **Guest Instructor** at these association seminars teaching on 'polygraph testing the pre-employment law enforcement applicant; question formulation and interviewing; ethics; criminal investigative polygraphs; question formulation; the pre-examination interview and post examination interview and interrogation; countermeasures and related issues'

2002 (40 CEH)

- *AAPP* – Completed continuing education in 'assets forfeiture; white collar criminal polygraph; instrumentation; civil liabilities for law enforcement officers; sex offender apprehension program; Miranda and confessions; cross cultural interviewing techniques; countermeasures; high tech crimes; instrument calibration and verification of sensitivity; adult sex offenders; physiology; pharmacology; quality control and examiner ethics'

2003 (40 CEH)

- *AAPP* – Completed continuing education in 'ethics for polygraph examiners; countermeasures; cross cultural considerations; American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM); applicant screening; informant testing; dynamics of domestic terrorism and internal affairs polygraph examinations'

ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Covin has served as an Approved Sponsor for Numerous Law Enforcement and Private Polygraph Examiner *Intern Examiners*. Covin was responsible to The Texas Board of Polygraph Examiners for all training supervision and development of each *Intern* prior to and up to the time of the *Interns* State Board Examination.

Covin has lectured on "**Proper Polygraph Procedures and Techniques in Dignitary Protection in the Middle East**". Several *Foreign Government Agencies* were in attendance and included Military and Law Enforcement personnel.

Covin directly supervised a staff of Law Enforcement Examiners prior to retirement from The Houston Arson Bureau in 1976. He also supervised a staff of five (5) Examiners at Morris Covin & Associates, Inc. for a period of seven (7) years and served as *Criminal Polygraph Examiner* for the Harris County Sheriffs Department in excess of ten (10) years.

Covin was elected and served as **President of the Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners** in 1975-1976, and is a *Life Member* of that association.

Covin was elected in 1999 to serve as Region IV Director for the AAPP, which includes the states of Texas; Oklahoma; New Mexico; Arizona; Colorado; Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Latin America.

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Covin is an Active Reserve Police Officer assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division of the La Porte, Texas Police Department and is **Certified as a Master Peace Officer and Instructor** through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

Covin has completed **in excess of one hundred (100) hours** Advanced Training in Sex Offender Clinical Testing.

CURRENT POLYGRAPH ACTIVITY

Covin continues to administer Professional Polygraph Examinations for:

- Law enforcement agencies including investigative, pre-employment, professional standards
- Fire departments
- District Attorneys
- Municipalities
- Public and private school districts
- Insurance companies
- Financial institutions
- Court ordered polygraph examinations
- Sex offenders (suspected and convicted)
- Civil and criminal defense attorneys
- Psychologists and other treatment providers
- Domestic issues
- Legitimate investigative requests

** Axciton Computerized Polygraph Instrumentation is utilized on all examinations.