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Press Availability

There recently has been public interest in Texas laws pertaining to the use of force in self-defense and in defense of others or property. In Harris County, grand jurors are often called upon to apply such laws in the context of use of deadly force by police officers.

To assist in conducting such reviews, Harris County grand jurors are given the opportunity to receive briefing at the beginning of each three-month grand jury term from Harris County prosecutors on legal justifications for use of force. Each of the grand juries are also given the opportunity to observe and participate in the same shoot/no shoot simulations used to train police officers on the Harris County District Attorney's Office's Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) device.

On Friday, July 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., the Harris County District Attorney's Office will conduct a press availability in which members of the media will be (1) given the same briefing that is provided to grand jurors on the law of self-defense; and (2) given the opportunity to observe or participate in shoot/no shoot simulations on the FATS device.

Because of limited space in the FATS room, this availability is limited to eleven people. To request a seat, please contact Stephanie Armand at 713-755-5810.