

Protecting Ohio's Families



The Scenario Training Equipment Program (STEP)



The Scenario Training Equipment Program (STEP) is a cost-effective method to bring force-on-force scenario-based training to Ohio's

law enforcement officers. STEP provides an inventory of training equipment that the Attorney General's Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) manages like a library. The equipment is organized in kits and available free to agencies.

Each kit includes:

- Training pistols.
- Training rifles (AR-style).
- Marking cartridges.
- Training Tasers, pepper spray, and batons.
- Protective gear for students, role players, and instructors.
- Role player props.

To use the equipment:

Agencies must send at least one instructor to OPOTA's Scenario Based Training Instructor course. Agencies must submit a safety plan and scenario lesson plan. (The lesson plans must meet minimum standards. OPOTA may conduct inspections of the training.)



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Benefits

Agencies can:

- Address local hot topics.
- Conduct training during any shift.
- Teach and enforce their own policies and procedures.
- Customize the training. (For example, detectives could do one type of scenario, patrol officers another.)
- Save money by borrowing equipment, managing training overtime, and cutting down on travel.

Instructor class overview

OPOTA's Scenario Based Training Instructor course teaches the safest and most effective ways to conduct force-on-force training. Some of the topics covered include the psychological and physiological effects of stress on human performance; safely creating stress during training; developing scenarios to meet your agency's needs; documenting scenario-based training; managing the logistical challenges of training; best practices for debriefing; and increasing officer performance.

The process

To take part in STEP:

- Step 1** — Attend the instructor class.
- Step 2** — Request a kit. (Agencies have three weeks to use it.)
- Step 3** — Submit safety and lesson plans.
- Step 4** — Upon final approval, accept the kit dropped off by an OPOTA representative.
- Step 5** — Train your agency. (OPOTA may inspect training.)
- Step 6** — Await kit pickup by an OPOTA representative.

To register for OPOTA's Scenario Based Training Instructor course, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTACourses.

For more information, send an email to AskOPOTA@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.



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