



Ohio Attorney General's **Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy**

Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers

MAY 2018

[Learn the Benefits of Self-Care](#)

Law enforcement officers face higher rates of heart disease, cancer, and suicide than the general public. The Blue Courage course works with officers to prioritize their emotional and physical health.

[Blue Courage: The Heart and Mind of the Guardian](#) engages peace officers in conversations about improving their overall health and well-being. The course explores reducing stress, developing resilience, combating cynicism, and promoting self-improvement.

Nov. 26 - 27, 2018

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA London

1650 St. Rt. 56, SW

London, OH

\$300 (add \$25 per course day)

[Enrolling – Unmanned Aircraft Systems Courses](#)

Courses are now available through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) on small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS), commonly called “drones.” An advisory group convened by Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine developed 14 recommendations and a model policy for the use of drones by law enforcement agencies. After the group released its report in January, the Attorney General directed OPOTA to develop sUAS-related courses.

[Small Unmanned Aircraft System \(sUAS\)/Drone Basic Operator](#)

The course will cover required equipment, safety, basic flight maneuvers, logbooks, in-flight emergencies, and other topics. Attending operators will be required to fly their aircraft while being supervised by remote pilots. The course ends with a mandatory Evaluation Proficiency Practical Test. If inclement weather interferes with the course, it will be rescheduled.

To participate, a student must have a remote pilot certificate per 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 107 issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or:

- Be awaiting his or her temporary certificate having already passed the remote pilot test.
- Already be operating as self-certified under the agency's Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA).
- Have been assigned by an agency to the duties of the remote pilot. (In this case, an OPOTA remote pilot or remote pilot-in-command must be present during each flight to take over the controls in the event of an emergency.)

Note: This course is only for public safety personnel (law enforcement, fire/EMS, and search- and-rescue). Click [here](#) for a complete equipment list.

Oct. 9 - 10, 2018
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 State Route 56 SW
London, OH
\$240

[Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(sUAS\) as a Tool for Instructors](#)

This course is designed to address using sUAS as training tools for academy instruction and for in-service training within agencies. It will cover why drones are beneficial for training, how they are being used at OPOTA and throughout the United States, what problems and complications may arise when using the aircraft, and the importance of communication between the instructor and the remote pilot. No prior knowledge of drones is necessary. Please bring note-taking materials.

Note: This course is only for public safety personnel (law enforcement, fire/EMS, and search- and-rescue).

June 28, 2018
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 State Route 56 SW
London, OH
\$125

[Using a Duty Knife](#)

The duty knife is a versatile tool carried by many officers for use as a general utility device and, in extreme circumstances, as a backup weapon. This course, [Law Enforcement Duty Knife – Operator](#), will offer specific training on when and how to use a duty knife.

Instructors will discuss why an officer should carry a duty knife, when and how to use the tool, and how to document when it is used. A variety of brands and types of duty knives are sold. This course will cover what to look for in the tool so officers can choose one that best fits their needs.

Class participants will discuss:

- Constitutional use-of-force standards.
- Selection of a law enforcement duty knife.
- Carry and deployment options.
- Principles of evidence collection, rescue, and self-protection.
- Critical injury and first aid.

Officers who want a full day of duty knife training can sign up for the one-day operator course. Officers who want to serve as instructors in their agencies should sign up for the two-day instructor course, so they can build department-specific training.

May 15, 2018 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	OPOTA Main Campus 1650 State Route 56 SW
Sept. 20, 2018 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	London, OH \$115
Sept. 6, 2018 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	OPOTA Richfield Campus 4055 Highlander Parkway
Nov. 15, 2018 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Richfield, OH \$100

[Participate in the Law Enforcement Recruiting Fair](#)

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) will present a law enforcement recruiting fair on June 13 at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C).

The fair, hosted in partnership with Tri-C, is open to those interested in becoming peace officers, peace officers interested in advancement and becoming OPOTA instructors, those interested in employment opportunities in the Attorney General's Office, and basic training commanders and agency recruiters.

Recruiters from police academies, law enforcement agencies, and various sections of the Attorney General's Office will be in attendance. Register online for the [Law Enforcement Recruiting Fair](#).

June 13, 2018
9 a.m. - noon

Cuyahoga Community College
Western Campus-Gymnasium
11000 Pleasant Valley Road
Parma, Ohio 44130

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Did You Know?

Each year the Ohio Attorney General presents the 2018 Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards at the October Law Enforcement Conference. Consider nominating worthy colleagues and groups. Send in your [nominations](#) by Fri., May 11, 2018.