



Ohio Attorney General's Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy

Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers

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Picture This: Getting Quality Crime-Scene Photos

Photographs are used in just about every court case that goes to trial, so knowing how to properly take crime scene photographs and operate cameras are vital to a solid investigation.

Quit using your cell phone, put down your point-and-shoot camera and sign up for [Crime Scene Photography I](#) to learn how to take proper, court-admissible photographs with a digital camera. Don't let all of the bells and whistles on the "fancy camera" that might be kept locked up at your department be a barrier to documenting your case.

Crime Scene Photography I is a five-day course designed for those who have no prior photography experience. The overall goal of the course is to provide you with fundamental skills for producing quality crime-scene photographs and solving problems encountered in difficult photographic situations.

As part of the course, you will receive a copy of "Crime Scene Photography 2nd Edition" by Edward Robinson. This textbook is required reading for the "International Association for Identification – Certified Crime Scene Investigator" certification.

Crime Scene Photography I is a prerequisite for Crime Scene Photography II. The class can also be used to fulfill the photography prerequisite for the 80-hour Evidence Technician course.

Crime Scene Photograph I is being offered on the following dates:

Course Dates	Course Number	Location	Cost
3/28/16 to 4/1/16	06-709-16-01	London	\$425
5/9/16 to 5/13/16	06-709-16-02	London	\$425
7/25/16 to 7/29/16	06-709-16-03	London	\$425
10/3/16 to 10/07/16	56-709-16-01	Richfield	\$400

[Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy](#)

One of the larger challenges facing law enforcement is how the court of public opinion views the profession. This is true whether you are in a small or large agency, in an urban, suburban, or rural area. Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy is a free, eight-hour class designed to focus officers on how to foster better community-police relations.

You will learn how the history of policing has influenced public relations. You will discuss the gradual turn a law enforcement officer may take toward a cynical mindset and how to prevent it. We will discuss what good community relations looks like (Police Legitimacy) and the tactics officers will need to follow to attain those relations (Procedural Justice).

You will also be reminded of the noble work to which you and others have committed their professional lives. You will leave with a renewed sense of purpose, and a strategy for affecting change in a positive way both in your agencies, and the communities you serve.

[Impact Weapons Instructor](#)

Use of force by law enforcement officers is a topic that is under constant scrutiny. Due to the far-reaching effects of force incidents, officers should receive consistent training in perishable skill areas. One of those areas is the use of an impact weapon (e.g., ASP, Monadnock). Having a proficient understanding of the legal and physical applications of using an impact weapon will increase an officer's confidence and familiarity with the weapon.

In order to reach as many officers as possible, this class is offered as an instructor course. After successful completion, students will be qualified to instruct for Peace Officer Basic Training and agency in-service training. This is a vendor-neutral course that offers concepts that apply to expandable, straight, short, and side handle batons. It also includes applications of environmental impact weapons (e.g., flashlight, handcuffs). Topics will include: legal considerations, weapon retention, transitions to other force options, impact weapon skills, and scenario development.

All students should have operator level training with an impact weapon. In order to teach BAS 6-2 Impact Weapons in an Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Academy, you must be a current BAS 6-1 Subject Control Techniques instructor. This is a physical course and you must be on "full duty" status to participate. You should also bring your duty gear (including baton and holder), clothing for physical activity, and any other personal training gear needed to train safely.

Master Criminal Investigator and more from the OPOTA Course Catalog

OPOTA is excited to announce the new Master Criminal Investigator – White Collar Crime Investigations certification program is now available. This program is designed for the investigator who conducts primarily white collar crimes investigations.

Core Courses – Minimum 212 hours

Core Criminal Investigations – 40 hrs	40	_____
Forensic Accounting – 16 hrs	16	_____
Computer Crimes First Responder – 8 hrs	8	_____
Fraudulent Document Investigations – 16 hrs	16	_____
Photography for Investigator – 8 hrs	8	_____
Identity Theft Investigation – 8 hrs	8	_____
Surveillance Operations – 24 hrs	24	_____
Search Warrants (Practical) – 24 hrs	24	_____
Cultivating Confidential Informants – 8 hrs	8	_____
Testifying in court boot camp - 16 hrs	16	_____
Linguistic Statement Analysis Technique (LSAT) – Basic	20	_____
Internet Investigations I	32	_____
Interview and Interrogation – 24 hrs	24	_____
(Note: Reid I&I may be substituted)		
Total Core Hours	244	_____

Elective Courses – Minimum 16 hours

White Collar Fraud and Investigation – 120 hrs	120	_____
Linguistic Statement Analysis Technique (LSAT) – Advanced	12	_____
Internal Investigations – 16 hrs	16	_____
Bias Crimes Investigation – 8 hrs	8	_____
Conducting Background Investigations – 16 hrs	16	_____
Ohio Public Records	8	_____
Total Electives	16+	_____
Total Hours	260	_____

Practical Exam

After completion of the required courses, applicants shall submit an application to take the practical exam. After it has been verified the student has taken the required courses, they will be issued the practical exam testing material. The applicant can contact training officer Richard Meadows at (Richard.Meadows@ohioattorneygeneral.gov) to assist them with the process.

The practical exam will be scenario-based and will be emailed or mailed to the student to complete. The student will be given 30 days to complete the practical exam, which will test the applicant on the skills learned during the required core courses. The student will be given a white collar crime scenario. The applicant may be asked to do any part or all of the following: create an investigative plan, write a search warrant or subpoena, plan a suspect(s) surveillance, testify in court, conduct an interview or interrogation, photograph a crime scene, explain what charges would be applicable on the provided case.

After the successful completion of the practical exam the applicant will be issued a Master Criminal Investigator – White Collar Crime Investigator certificate.

[SORAT- I \(Single Officer Response to an Active Threat-Instructor\)](#)

This course is for officers who have the responsibility of teaching active threat principles within their agencies. The course will include lecture and practical training. Topics include: mind-set shift, deadly force justification, active threat response history, case examples, Ohio active threat incidents, edged weapon, firearm and IED responses, officer link-up, movement principles, room entries, and post incident concerns. The use of non-lethal training aids will enhance the training. Student instructors will perform teach-backs and run a training scenario.

March 29-31, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$225

[SWAT Training-Basic](#)

This basic SWAT training is a course for new or prospective tactical operators. The course will include lecture and practical training. Topics include historical aspects of SWAT, tactical firearms deployment, room clearing, warrant service planning and operations, breaching, close-quarters combatives, officer and civilian rescue, vehicle assaults, and building entries. The use of non-lethal training aids will enhance the training. Attendees should be skillful with their issued firearms.

Note: This course is restricted to active Law Enforcement personnel only.

June 27-July 1, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$350