



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

**Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers**

**October 2015**

## **Cultivating and Managing Confidential Informants**

Often viewed as “necessary evils,” confidential informants can provide us with access into the criminal element that we otherwise lack. They are, however, often unsavory characters who need to be properly managed by the controlling officers and the chain of command in order to avoid officer safety issues, adverse impact to the integrity of investigations, and the destruction of careers.

This class will focus on the methods of cultivating, managing, and successfully using informants. Additionally, documentation, discovery, and other legal issues, such as the manner in which the controlling officers and informants themselves may be scrutinized, are examined. Examples of successes and failures will be presented and discussed.

This class is taught by a recently retired federal agent and recently retired prosecutor who both have extensive experience in dealing with informants. There is one more offering of this class this year at OPOTA London on Nov. 17, 2015. Please see our [course catalog for more information](#).

## **Practical Simulation Training Instructor**

Real world, stress inducing, scenario based, and simulation are all terms common to law enforcement training. We hear these terms used over and over, and the context is usually the same. Simulation training is the best training we can provide to our officers. Putting officers in situations as close as possible to what they will experience on duty trains not only the body, but also the mind.

Officers are forced to make split-second decisions in situations that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving. The ability to place officers in these stressful situations in a safe training environment is a way to enhance not only their reaction time, but also their decision-making ability under stress. To assist

departments that wish to provide this training to their officers, OPOTA offers the course: *Practical Simulation Training Instructor*.

This course will train officers to create, conduct, and safely execute simulation training for their agencies. The course will delve into not only the physiological but also the psychological aspects of lethal force. It will develop the instructors who will ultimately prepare the officers at their agencies for these types of encounters. There is one more offering of this class this year; at OPOTA London from Dec. 1-3, 2015. Please see our [course catalog for more information](#).

## **Civil Liability for Law Enforcement Managers and Officers**

Officers are given broad powers to carry out their duties. The Constitution, however, places limits on what police can do. When law enforcement officers fail to comply with these constitutional requirements, they face both the exclusion of evidence and exposure to liability. Constitutional standards need to be understood and adhered to by all officers, but training in this area can be hard to find after basic training.

*Civil Liability for Law Enforcement Managers and Officers* offers an overview of civil liability as it applies to officers, supervisors, and agencies. The protections officers have against liability and how to minimize exposure will be addressed.

This course will focus on the most common claims brought against police officers, including violations of the Fourth Amendment, failure to train, and failure to supervise. Whether you are a chief of police or a new patrol officer, this half-day course will provide you with the information you need to complete your duties effectively and constitutionally. There is one more offering of this class this year, at OPOTA Richfield on Dec. 8, 2015. Please see our [course catalog for more information](#).

## **More from the OPOTA Course Catalog**

### **[Crime Scene Photography II](#)**

This course has been updated and rewritten using the study material set forth by the "International Association for Identification - Certified Crime Scene Investigator" certification. This five-day course is for law enforcement personnel responsible for photographing crime scenes and evidence in non-laboratory settings with digital cameras. The course emphasizes problem solving using the equipment available to the officer. Students build on the skills taught in Basic Photography or Crime Scene Photography I to photographically document a crime scene, fingerprints, and other small evidence, and enhance evidence

photographs through lighting choices, lens choices, and through the use of alternate light sources. Other topics include ethics, legal aspects, and court presentations. This is an academically challenging course in which the student will have to pass a practical and written examination to successfully complete the course.

Prerequisites: A basic photography or equivalent training course is required. Students attending this class should have taken the OPOTA Basic Photography course or the updated Crime Scene Photography I course. A written pretest may be administered for non-OPOTA equivalent courses.

Note: This class replaces the former Crime Scene and Evidence Photography class held at OPOTA. There is one evening exercise. On Wednesday during the week, class will be held from 1 p.m. - 10 p.m. Students should have appropriate clothing for multiple outdoor exercises. Students should bring the departmental equipment they use in the course of their job to include camera, flash, tripod, and laptop. \*\*A limited number OPOTA camera systems can be supplied if needed. Arrangements with the course coordinator should be made before the class if you need to use OPOTA camera systems.

October 19, 20, 22, 23, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

October 21, 2015 | 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$400

### [Female Officer Combat Firearms Workshop](#)

This course addresses accuracy and engagement speed development in static and dynamic situations with police firearms. Marksmanship skill-development drills, movement drills, speed-development drills, and weapon-handling drills will force participants to “push their individual shooting-skill envelope” and develop confidence with weapon capability.

October 27-29, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$275

### [Testifying in Court Boot Camp-Expert Witness](#)

Do you feel anxious or nervous about testifying in court? Build your confidence and skills in this class designed specifically for experts. Topics covered include courtroom strategies, testimony vs. report writing, court preparation, professional conduct, and evidentiary concerns. This intense two-day class will require students to role play, testify in a courtroom setting, be cross-examined by trial attorneys, and do out-of-class assignments. Class size will be limited to 12 students.

Note: A report that was generated by the expert will be needed as an exhibit and basis for examination. The course instructor will contact students in detail before the course occurs.

November 2-3, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$130

### [Forensic Accounting Investigation](#)

Forensic Accounting is the use of accounting methods to establish "forensic" evidence that "is suitable for use in a court of law." This course will provide an overview of common fraud schemes, methods used to detect them, and how to present the evidence to a prosecutor. Participants will be provided with hands-on activities and examples to work through during the course.

Note: Participants should bring a laptop with Excel 2003 or a current version to assist with the hands-on activities.

November 2-3, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$130

## [Conducting Background Investigations](#)

This program is designed to instruct law enforcement, fire, and public safety personnel in conducting and accurately reporting background investigations on prospective employees. Topics include: role of the background investigator; sources of information; legal issues, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); reporting practices and standards; departmental policies and procedures; and applications for employment. Students are requested to provide a copy of their agency employment application package.

November 2-3, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$130

## [Manipulation by Inmates](#)

This course reviews the steps of behavioral manipulation designed to show how inmates implement a set-up. It should be understood that this process does not always develop in the same order, but all the elements will usually be utilized regardless of the procedure the inmate employs. Because they are applied subtly, set-ups can go on in full view of an employee's peers, supervisors, and administrators without being recognized. To understand the set-up, one must realize how manipulation works. This course will help officers, supervisors, and administrators understand the set-up process inmates employ and how to effectively guard against it.

November 3, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$65

## [Digital Evidence Testimony](#)

Students will learn how to communicate with individuals who are not familiar with computer terminology. Techniques for use in the courtroom setting are presented to assist the investigator in presenting complex testimony in a manner easily understood by jury members and judges.

This course is restricted to active law enforcement personnel.

Prerequisite: Students must have completed Computer Data Recovery – Basic, Intermediate, Intermediate Level 2, and Advanced.

November 4-5, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, OH

Cost: \$200

November 9-10, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$200

### [Electronic Surveillance](#)

Need a new investigative tool? Electronic Surveillance isn't just for Federal agents! This free course will provide officers the needed aspects of conducting electronic surveillance investigations. This course satisfies the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 2933.64 and will certify investigators to conduct electronic surveillance and wiretaps. This training will be conducted by attorneys with extensive wiretap experience from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

This course is restricted to active law enforcement officers only.

November 5-6, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, OH

Cost: Free

### [Close Quarters Subject Control for Tactical Operations](#)

This physically demanding course is for the tactical officer who operates as a member of a team and has the probability of coming across combative subjects in a close quarters environment. The course includes both lecture and practical training. Topics include: The fighting platform, weapon-carry positions, weapon retention, striking drills, tactical mind-set, ground defense, take-down defense, quick take downs, resistive-

subject arrest principles, operating within a team, and tactical scenarios employing the listed blocks of instruction.

Equipment required: Tactical uniform (long sleeves and pants), duty belt, tactical vest, helmet and protective mask (if issued).

Highly recommended: Mouth guard, knee and elbow pads, gloves and any training weapons (Blue/Red inert guns).

November 16-17, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Summit County Sheriff's Office Training Facility

2825 Greensburg Road

North Canton, OH

Cost: \$130

### [Advanced Traffic Collision Reconstruction](#)

This course is for the Reconstructionist interested in continuing training in traffic collision investigation and reconstruction. Instruction will include a COLM review, an introduction to Excel in collision reconstruction, percentage of braking review, quadratic and simultaneous equations in head-on collisions, rotational mechanics, and Vectors. The course will include a day of preparation for trial. Expert testimony will be presented by local attorneys.

Prerequisite: Traffic Collision Reconstruction (Level IV)

Note: Students should bring a laptop computer with Microsoft Excel 2010 or newer installed, a 1:10 traffic template, and a 360-degree protractor to the course and should be prepared for an outside exercise.

Featured instructors: Mark Rice and Terry McClanahan.

November 16-20, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$300

## [Fire and Arson Investigation](#)

This course provides basic information on the investigation of suspicious fires. It generally follows the National Fire Protection Associations Guide to Fire and Explosion Investigations 921, 2001 edition. Topics include: a review of Ohio Revised Code arson sections, types of fires, responsibilities of the fire department, basic fire cause and origin, investigative techniques such as exterior examination, internal survey photography and diagramming, evidentiary issues such as identification, collection and analysis, interviews and interrogation, witness development, and case presentation.

November 17, 2015 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, OH

Cost: \$75

## [Law Enforcement Officers Flying Armed](#)

This course meets the requirements of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for officers who are required to fly armed and are providing protective escort, hazardous surveillance operations, prisoner escort (all segments of round trip to pick up and/or deliver a prisoner) or for a law enforcement officer on official travel required to report to another location armed and prepared for duty.

Note: This course is restricted to active law enforcement personnel only. Bring a writing pad and pen.

November 17, 2015 | 9:30 a.m. - Noon

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: Free