



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

Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers

AUGUST 2017

[Receive Dispatcher Training for Critical Incidents](#)

The information a dispatcher gathers during a critical incident call can provide life-or-death details to first responders.

This two-day course, [Dispatcher Responsibilities at a Barricade, Hostage or Suicide Situation](#), assists dispatchers in handling critical incident calls, establishing a rapport with the caller, and gaining valuable intelligence on the situation. Students who attend the class will review topics such as communication center responsibilities in a critical incident situation, development of agency policies and procedures, communication techniques, and commonly available resources.

NOTE: This program does not train personnel to function as hostage negotiators.

Sept. 25 – 26, 2017 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, OH

Cost: \$200

[Understanding Human Behavior and Stress](#)

How do high-stress situations affect subjects and law enforcement?

In October, OPOTA Richfield will host two courses designed to help law enforcement officers understand the dynamics behind human behavior in high-stress situations.

The courses are a program of the Force Science Institute, which studies human behavior in use-of-force situations. The [Force Science Basics](#) course will be held over two days and showcase research related to the dynamics of human behavior during high-stress, rapidly unfolding encounters. The course could be helpful to those in law enforcement who investigate, train, and/or make split-second decisions during high-stress events.

Oct. 4 – 5, 2017 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, OH

Cost: \$265

[Understanding Issues Specifically Related to Body Cameras](#)

As body cameras become more prevalent, law enforcement agencies are facing new questions related to policies, procedures, and communication.

[Understanding Force Sciences Issues Specifically Related to Body Cameras](#) will be led by Dr. William Lewinski, executive director of the Force Science Institute. This one-day program will address the numerous investigative and public relations issues related to body cameras. Students will discuss topics such as enhancing the fairness and thoroughness of investigations; creating and analyzing bodycam protocols and policies; minimizing liability and risk; training officers; enhancing public perception and understanding of force encounters; and communicating with the public.

Oct. 6, 2017 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, OH

Cost: \$130

[Complete the Blue Courage CPT Officer Wellness Requirement](#)

Blue Courage is a leadership-development workshop created by officers for officers to help them deal with everyday stress, increase their overall well-being, and increase their longevity on the job.

This free course – a shortened version of the two-day Blue Courage Workshop – satisfies the four-hour Officer Wellness 2017 CPT requirement, but is not designed to replace the longer program. Participants in this course will discuss the nobility of policing, positive psychology, and health, wellness, and resilience.

Note: Those interested in hosting a Blue Courage CPT session should contact Sean Smith at Sean.Smith@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

Aug. 2, 2017 | 8 a.m. – noon or
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bowling Green State University BCI Building

Sept. 7, 2017 | 8 a.m. – noon or
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Brimfield Police Department

750 N. College Dr.
Bowling Green, OH
Cost: Free

Comfort Inn and Suites
4423 State Route 43
Kent, OH
Cost: Free

Aug. 15, 2017 | 8 a.m. – noon or
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland, OH
Cost: Free

Oct. 3, 2017 | 8 a.m. – noon or
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Owens Community College-Industrial and
Engineering Technology Building 109
30335 Oregon Rd.
Perrysburg, OH
Cost: Free

[Learn More About Youths Who Kill](#)

Author Phil Chalmers will present “Why Teens Kill – Generation Death” in September at OPOTA Richfield. Chalmers has interviewed more than 200 teen killers and school shooters, along with numerous serial killers, mass murderers, and sexual predators. His interviews delved into the minds of the offenders and explored why they killed, and if society could have stopped them. He has studied youth culture for more than 25 years and is the author of several books. Chalmers will be accompanied by his wife, Wendi, an educator and former school principal. Registration is open. Those who interact with youths are invited and encouraged to attend.

Sept. 13, 2017 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Richfield
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH
Cost: \$150

Did You Know?

In 2011, more than 39,000 people completed OPOTA courses online and at the regional and main campuses. In 2016 that number rose to more than 162,000.