

# Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy

## Course Descriptions

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### **Advanced Driving Instructor**

This driving instructor course will allow the student to attend the 8 days of training and become an instructor in all areas of the driving program offered by OPOTA. This includes Basic Academy Driving (Basic Academy Driving Instructor (Unit 5) certification is included with this course if already a certified instructor or can be added once BAS certified), Pursuit Termination Techniques Instructor, Sport Utility Vehicle, and Tactical/ Dynamic Vehicle Operations. Students will learn to instruct the different vehicle platforms and driving techniques while sharpening their skills as well. Legal and liability issues and concerns will be discussed. Students will get the opportunity to teach the concepts in practical exercises during the course. Students will also receive material to assist in the implementation of their own courses. Skills practiced will include basic events and skills, braking and steering methods, vehicle dynamics and handling at speed, cornering and apexing, skid control, collision avoidance, proper radio communication techniques, emergency response and pursuit driving, etc. Students will participate in classroom discussions, in-car and on track teachbacks, as well as practical events using the entire driving facility. This driving instructor course will allow the student to attend the 8 days of training and become an instructor in all areas of the driving program offered by OPOTA. This includes Basic Academy Driving (Basic Academy Driving Instructor (Unit 5) certification is included with this course if already a certified instructor or can be added once BAS certified), Pursuit Termination Techniques Instructor, Sport Utility Vehicle, and Tactical/ Dynamic Vehicle Operations. Students will learn to instruct the different vehicle platforms and driving techniques while sharpening their skills as well. Legal and liability issues and concerns will be discussed. Students will get the opportunity to teach the concepts in practical exercises during the course. Students will also receive material to assist in the implementation of their own courses. Skills practiced will include basic events and skills, braking and steering methods, vehicle dynamics and handling at speed, cornering and apexing, skid control, collision avoidance, proper radio communication techniques, emergency response and pursuit driving, etc. Students will participate in classroom discussions, in-car and on track teachbacks, as well as practical events using the entire driving facility. Students should not attend this course for remedial training. It is recommended that students have attended an advanced driving course in the last 3 years.

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### **Advanced Dynamic Vehicle Operations**

This three day, advanced course provides students with the knowledge, skills and behaviors unique to the emergency response and pursuit situation. Students will be trained and tested on numerous steering and braking applications, collision avoidance, skid recovery, line-of-travel driving, cornering/ apexing methods, appropriate communications behaviors, and emergency/ pursuit driving across multiple events encompassing the entire driving facility. Students will participate in actual pursuit driving and emergency response scenarios at speed. Additionally, students are trained in liability/ legal aspects of law enforcement driving along with human/ physiological factors involved in responding to emergencies. Students will use OPOTA vehicles that are equipped with added safety features to perform dynamic and

advanced practical exercises. These vehicles will include police utility vehicles (SUV) if the students drive them on duty. Students may be asked to assist with movement and placement of cones and events. Note: This course is not recommended for remedial or corrective driving students.

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### **ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement)**

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) provides officers with general knowledge related to drug impaired driving and promotes the use of Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). Law enforcement officers will learn to observe, identify and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or a combination of both, in order to reduce the number of impaired driving crashes. The ARIDE program stresses the importance of the signs and symptoms of the seven drug categories. Officers attending this course will receive an update/refresher of Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFSTs) and must successfully pass an SFST proficiency evaluation. This training also promotes interaction with representatives from the state's prosecution community who are encouraged to attend. The instructors for this course are all Ohio DRE certified instructors. PREREQUISITE(S): Officer must have had NHTSA SFST training or ADAP.

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### **Arrest, Search & Seizure**

This class will provide law enforcement up-to-date case law impacting search and seizure. Officers will get a refresher on the 4th Amendment, and constitutional standards for making an arrest and conducting searches and seizures.

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### **Basic Academy Driving Instructor**

This course is designed to provide the student with the skills necessary to teach the Driving Unit in the peace officer basic training curriculum. The class also provides the foundation for in-service driver training. Liability issues and other relevant topics will be discussed in a classroom setting. There are extensive practical applications of driving techniques to enable the student to demonstrate competency in driving skills and to instruct others in these techniques. Students will be required to make an in-class/in-car presentation. It is RECOMMENDED that each student has successfully completed a Police Driving Course within the previous three (3) years. Previous completion of an Instructor Skills course is not required for attendance, but will prove very helpful.

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### **Basic Precision Rifle Skills**

This three-day course is the first of a three-part series on the precision rifle system. Topics covered in the class include: Fundamentals of precision rifle operation, care and maintenance, zeroing, positional shooting, MOA and MIL optic familiarization.

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### **Bloodstain Evidence**

This 40 hour course provides students with hands-on, practical application of bloodstain pattern interpretation and bloodstain evidence collection. Additional topics include: blood flight characteristics, stain patterns and detection methods.

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### **Building Mutual Respect and Community Trust**

This course focuses on the officer's daily interactions with the community and is designed to build officer awareness on how their behavior controls many interactions they have within the communities they police. This training includes a focus on experiential learning, whereby the officer learns through a reflection on the learning process. Officers will engage in dialogues and other exercises that stress the importance of understanding the dynamic between police and community members, unconscious bias, power hierarchies, and comprehending the process of working with resistance.

As one officer stated upon completion of the training, "We are reminded this is a people job".

Instructors:

Lt. Mike Hutson retired - Mike served 33 years with the Shaker Heights Police Department. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Akron in Political Science/Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation's Police Executive Leadership College (PELC), Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and Force Science's Officer Involved Shooting Certification Course. He was a member of the department's SWAT team for fifteen years and is a former OPOTA instructor specializing in defensive driving and firearms.

Normella Walker - Normella is a graduate of the Diversity Management Program at Cleveland State University, has completed diversity course work at the Cornell University School of International Labor Relations and is a seasoned professional with 25 years of business experience. She has actively managed facilitated and advised diverse groups for over 20 years, and specializes in business operations, organizational performance, and leadership development. She is currently employed at Brigham Health in Boston, MA as their Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

**NOTE: Course is from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, except Bowling Green session, which is from Noon to 4:00 p.m.**

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### **Core Criminal Investigation**

This course focuses on investigations that are likely to be conducted by both uniformed and plain clothes officers. The class will focus on interview and interrogation techniques, crime scene preservation and documentation, evidence collection, search warrants, cell phones and open source technologies, O.R.C statutes and case preparation and management. Relevant case law will also be discussed. Students are required to participate in class exercises and discussions.

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### **Court Officer Firearms Basic Training**

This 6 day, 40 hour course is designed to provide basic semi-automatic pistol training for bailiffs, court security officers, court constables, probation officers, and other applicable court personnel. The training will include weapon manipulation, weapon retention, fundamentals of marksmanship, reloads, malfunctions, multiple targets, use of cover/concealment, and alternative shooting positions. Students will also participate in decision-making training that will include threat identification and force on force scenarios. Note: This course is broken up into 6 days over multiple weeks. There will be 3 consecutive days of training followed by several days off. Then the final 3 consecutive days of training. Any questions regarding the schedule can be sent to [aaron.coey@ohioattorneygeneral.gov](mailto:aaron.coey@ohioattorneygeneral.gov).

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### **Crime Scene Photography I**

This five-day course has been updated and rewritten using the study material set forth by the "International Association for Identification - Certified Crime Scene Investigator" certification. This course is designed for law enforcement officers with little or no experience in photography. The overall goal of this course is to provide students with fundamental skills for producing quality crime scene photographs and for problem-solving difficult photographic situations. Through the use of hands-on exercises, students learn the steps in the photographic process, basic camera operations, selecting correct exposure and shutter speeds, controlling depth of field, the proper way to take crime scene photographs, and other topics. This course is a prerequisite for the Crime Scene Photography II course. This is an academically challenging course in which the student will have to pass a practical and written examination to successfully complete the course. NOTE: This course replaces the former "Basic Photography" course

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### **Cyber Crime First Responder**

This one-day course will introduce participants to various types of cybercrimes requiring law enforcement response and basic steps to handle such complaints. Participants will learn what kinds of electronic devices and media may contain evidence and how forensic examiners recover the data. Also covered are what court processes are needed to obtain stored electronic evidence as well as basic methods to trace email. Participants will learn the steps for proper identification and seizure of electronic media so that fragile electronic data is not destroyed before it can be submitted to the forensic examiners.

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### **Dynamic Vehicle Operations**

This one day, driving intensive course will focus on advanced vehicle operations, skid avoidance and recovery, emergency response, vehicle dynamics, and decision making. Students will use OPOTA vehicles to perform dynamic and advanced practical exercises. The vehicles used will also include police utility vehicles (SUV) if the students drive them on duty. Students should bring appropriate clothing in the event of poor weather as most of the training day will be outside of the classroom.

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### **Electronic Media in Investigations**

This course is the first in a series of three trainings which are designed to give students an understanding of cell phone and social media technology. This course will focus on the types of information available from cell phone companies and social media companies and how investigators can interpret that information. The course will discuss cell phone tower technology and mapping, social media location data and resources for obtaining data. Students will learn the importance of legal process, including preservation letters, subpoena's and search warrants. There will also be an introduction to more advanced types of location data. The course will include a hands-on practical assignment. This course will be taught by an active Law Enforcement professional with expertise in this field. This course is part 1 of a series of 3 trainings. While each course can be taken individually and this course is not required to register for the other two, it is strongly recommended that students take all three courses in order to understand the advancing concepts. The other two courses are "Social Media Trends and Investigations" and "Geofencing and Advanced Location Data."

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### **Field Training Officer (FTO) Program (Ohio Model)**

This three-day course is designed to provide either newly appointed Field Training Officers or veteran FTOs wishing to refresh their skills, insights into training and evaluation principals needed while working with a probationary officer. The class emphasizes the FTO's role in assisting new officers in applying the knowledge and skills acquired during basic training. The course highlights instructional techniques, leadership, ethics and role modeling to include discussion of adult learning principles. Consistency in evaluation of trainee performance is practiced during realistic scenarios. Group discussions and case study exercises are a focus of student centered learning during facilitated presentations. The lesson is adapted from the San Jose Model/California POST Curriculum and presented from an Ohio legal perspective.

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### **First Responder Self-Care & Wellness**

Most first responders see and experience more traumatic events during their first year on the job than most people do in a lifetime. Over time, these events combined with our own day to day stresses can have a cumulative effect that can adversely impact both our professional and personal lives. If you are human, you are not immune to this. This course reminds us that in order to take care of others, we must first, take care of ourselves. The various possible physical, emotional, mental, spiritual and behavioral effects are discussed. Techniques and strategies for dealing with these effects in a healthy and safe way are discussed. Concepts and techniques for family and friends are also covered. Lastly, resources are provided for additional assistance. Also discussed will be Crisis Awareness, which provides participants possible examples of physical and emotional signs that a co-worker, family member, friend or the employee themselves may be in crisis after a traumatic event. This can be brought about by an incident at work, in their personal life or as the result of the cumulative effects of exposure to traumatic situations. Everyone's reactions to trauma are unique to that person, but this course gives some possible signs and symptoms as well as techniques to help someone who may benefit from assistance. Attendees will learn about the QPR Method, which stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to

help save a life from suicide. This course will be taught by an experienced Law Enforcement Professional.  
NOTE: This course is restricted to Police, Fire, and EMS

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### **Evidence Technician**

This course is designed to teach the student basic and advanced principles of crime scene processing and evidence collection. Introductions to specialty evidence areas such as bloodstain documentation, shooting scene documentation, and pathology/entomology are also included. Students will be working in hands on situations every day, so it is recommended that students have clothing available that are suitable for wear in situations that include casting materials, fingerprint powders and chemicals, etc. Students should have clothing suitable for all outside weather conditions. This is an academically challenging course in which students will have to pass a practical and written examination to successfully complete the course along with completing daily reading assignments. Students will receive a fingerprint processing kit, a portable rechargeable Alternate Light Source, a crime scene sketching template, and a copy of "Practical Crime Scene Processing and Investigation" 3rd Edition by Ross Gardner as part of their tuition. Students should have previously taken an 8 hour Photography course detailing the use of a DSLR camera.

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### **Geofencing & Advanced Location Data**

This is the third in a series of three courses. This course will focus on more advanced location data that is available from cell phone and social media companies. Topics such as Geofencing and Facebook Pen Registers will be discussed. It is important for the Investigator to understand how to use this information during an on-going and active investigation and how it can help to direct resources and manpower in a real-time environment. This course will have a hands-on practical exercise involving a "Live Ping." This course will be taught by an active Law Enforcement professional with expertise in this field. This is the third in a series of three courses. While each course can be taken individually and there is no prerequisite to attend this course, it is highly recommended that students take all three courses in order to fully understand the concepts being taught. The first two courses are "Electronic Media in Investigations" and "Social Media Trends and Investigations."

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### **Human Trafficking Investigations**

This course provides a more in-depth look at investigating human trafficking cases. The class will include a "walk-through" of what a human trafficking investigation looks like, challenges it can present, and corroborative evidence that might exist to support the victim's statements. Attendees will learn how to obtain available evidence, unique considerations when working with human trafficking victims, and how to compile all of the information for presentation to the prosecutor. Relevant ORC codes, admissibility of evidence, and how the investigation translates into a court case will be explored. The importance of a multi-disciplinary team will be demonstrated through the use of a case study. This case will be taught by an experienced prosecutor and a seasoned detective

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### **Impact Weapons Instructor**

This course is designed to qualify students to become Impact Weapons instructors 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, drill and scenario development. This is a physical course and the students must be fit for duty. Equipment: Duty gear (including baton and holder), clothing for physical activity, and any other training gear you may need to train safely. All students should have operator level training with an impact weapon.

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### **Individual Chemical Aerosol Instructor**

This two day course is designed to qualify students to become instructors in the use of individual chemical aerosol units (e.g., OC). This is a vendor-neutral course that offers concepts and guidelines for initial and in-service training. Topics include: Reasonable use of force considerations, deployment tactics, arrest and control, surviving an aerosol assault, medical considerations, de-contamination procedures, and scenario development. Direct contamination is recommended for first time instructors but NOT mandatory. This is a physical course and the students must be fit for duty. Equipment needed: Duty belt or carrier including holster for chemical aerosols as well as pouches and holsters for weapons students may also be issued, (e.g., Taser, firearms, batons) clothing for physical activity, and any other training gear you may need to train safely. PREREQUISITE(S): All students should have operator level knowledge of chemical aerosol units.

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### **Instructional Skills (80 Hours)**

This two week course prepares students to write and present lesson plans in a law enforcement setting. Topics include: instruction in the theories of adult education, teaching techniques, lesson plan development, student learning objectives, platform teaching skills, facilitative learning, evaluation and measurement, working with problem learners and training aid usage. This is an academically challenging course merging theory and practice. Students will be required to develop and present a 15 minute lesson plan, a 30 minute lesson plan, and a 45 minute course of instruction. Students should bring resource materials and requisite props to create and conduct instruction in a law enforcement cognitive or psychomotor skills area. Students should be prepared to work an average of 20-30 hours outside of the classroom in the evening and weekends to prepare for classroom presentations. PREREQUISITE(S): Note: This course meets one of the requirements for certification as a Unit Instructor in Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission - approved programs. A pre-course assignment will be sent to students approximately 30 days prior to the start of the course which must be completed and returned to be allowed entrance into the course.

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### **Interacting with and De-Escalating the Special Needs Population**

This one day course is for anyone who may have an encounter in the course of their duties with special needs persons. The course will cover topics to include recognizing observable characteristics of individuals in crisis and basic de-escalation techniques to respond to those situations.

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### **New Chiefs Training**

Pursuant to R.C. 109.804, New Chiefs Training class is mandatory for all newly appointed chiefs within six months of appointment. This class will address the challenges associated with being appointed to the rank of chief and provide an introduction to those critical issues. Subjects include situational leadership, recruitment, hiring and retention, ethics, OHLEG, LEADS and OPOTC requirements to name a few. Guest instructors provided by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) will provide instruction for this class. PREREQUISITE(S): Appointment to the position of chief

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### **Peace Officer Refresher Training (OPOTC)**

This training is required for persons appointed as peace officers on, or after, January 1, 1989 and have been assigned Peace Officer Refresher training by OPOTC. This two-day course meets the requirements described in Section 109:2-1-12 (D) of the Ohio Administrative Code and is OPOTC regulated. For more information on refresher requirements, contact OPOTC's Certification and Standards Division at (740) 845-2700 or [askOPOTA@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](mailto:askOPOTA@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov)

**NOTE: In order to take this course, you must have a Letter of Determination from OPOTA and sworn in with an agency.**

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### **Peace Officer Basic Training Legal Instructor**

The Peace Officer Basic Training Legal Instructor class prepares instructors to teach the Peace Officer Basic Training Unit 2-Legal. Topics include: Ohio Revised Code, Arrest, Search and Seizure, Use of Force, Civil Liability and Testifying in Court. Students will be required to research statutes and case law and present lesson plans from the Legal Unit. This is an academically challenging course that will require work outside the classroom to prepare.

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### **Photography for Investigators**

This course has been updated to give the investigator the basic skill set to use a DSLR camera and take the necessary photographs at a crime scene. This course will focus on camera familiarization and improving the quality of crime scene photographs for investigators with minimal or no prior photography knowledge. This one-day class meets photography course requirements for the Master Criminal Investigator Certificate program. This course can also satisfy the prerequisite photography class needed for the 80 hour Evidence Technician course at OPOTA.



### **Police Rifle-Carbine Instructor**

The Police Rifle/Carbine Instructor Course is physically demanding and directed at officers seeking instructional certification for the police rifle/carbine. This is NOT a beginner's course, so students must be proficient with their firearm and related equipment. Instruction focuses on: firearms safety, administrative procedure, operational procedure, fundamentals of marksmanship, instructional concepts, and correcting shooter error. Additional topics include rifle/carbine maintenance and sight calibration/zero. Be prepared for long days on the range including an adjusted schedule on one of the days to accommodate live fire during low-level light conditions. Participants must pass the OPOTC Patrol Rifle/Carbine Qualification course of fire on the morning of the first day to remain in the class. Each student must provide the following: eye and ear protection, a ballistic vest, a brimmed ball-cap, closed toe shoes, and long pants. Participants may want to also include tactical gloves and knee-pads, but they are not required. Students are required to bring the following equipment: an AR15, M16, or variant, duty pistol, full metal jacket (FMJ) training ammo: 900 rounds for carbine and 200 rounds for duty pistol, a minimum of three magazines for the carbine and three magazines for the pistol, duty belt, holster, magazine pouches, handheld flashlight, and rifle sling. Other range related equipment includes participant's individual medical needs (e.g., rescue inhalers, EpiPens), hydration, and sunscreen. Note: You must successfully complete a semi-auto pistol instructor course before attending this course. This includes previous 2 week, multi-platform courses (i.e., Firearms Instructor & Firearms Instructor: The Big Three). Successful completion of the course satisfies part of the OPOTC weapon specific requirements for the Police Rifle/Carbine Requalification Instructor Certification. PREREQUISITE(S): Semi-auto Pistol Instructor or 2 week Firearms Instructor or Firearms Instructor: The Big Three Operator level training with the patrol rifle

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### **Pursuit Termination Techniques**

This course provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary for the successful termination of a vehicle pursuit. Students will receive classroom and hands-on practical training in the use of Precision Immobilization Techniques (PIT), tire deflation devices, pursuit intervention techniques, channeling and moving/ stationary roadblocks. Legal and liability issues will also be addressed. Specially equipped OPOTA training vehicles will be used. NOTE: This course will also include a night portion. The course now also includes police utilities (SUV) for those officers driving them on duty.

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### **Revolver Instructor**

This course prepares students to function as a revolver instructor. This course covers the unique aspect of the revolver and revolver shooting techniques. This is not a beginner's course. Students should have a working knowledge of their revolvers. Students will be required to pass the state qualification course on the morning of the first day to remain in class. There will be a brief update on legal matters and range issues. The remainder of the course will focus on diagnosing and correcting shooter errors. Students will need to bring a duty revolver, 700 rounds of ammunition, duty belt, holster, and 2 loading devices. Rain gear, body armor, a brimmed hat, eye and ear protection, water, sun screen, and insect repellent spray will also be needed. Successful completion of the course satisfies part of the OPOTC weapon specific

requirements for the Revolver Re-qualification Instructor Certification and/or Basic Training Firearms Instructor. Note: You must successfully complete a semi-auto pistol instructor course before attending this course. This includes previous 2 week, multi-platform courses (i.e., Firearms Instructor & Firearms Instructor: The Big Three). PREREQUISITE(S): Semi-auto Pistol Instructor or 2 week Firearms Instructor or Firearms Instructor: The Big Three Operator level training with the revolver

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### **Search Warrant Preparation**

This comprehensive, practical course focuses on the constitutional requirements and fundamentals of writing a search warrant. Students will prepare search warrants involving drugs, homicide, technology and other areas of interest. This intensive course requires students to complete several warrants and other assignments. Homework will be assigned on the first day. Students are required to bring a laptop. This course is strictly limited to sworn law enforcement only.

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### **Semi-Auto Pistol Instructor**

This course prepares students to function as semi-automatic pistol instructors. Students will cover principles of manipulating and shooting the semi-automatic pistol. Topics include: principles of marksmanship, reloads, malfunctions, tactics, range management, range safety, and correction of shooter problems. This course meets part of the OPOTC requirements for approval as an in-service Re-qualification and/or Peace Officer Basic Training Firearms Instructor. This is not a beginner's course. Students will be required to pass a pre-course qualification test for Semi-Automatic Pistol on the first day of the course. Students who fail the qualification after two attempts will be dismissed from the course. There will be extended hours for a night shoot. Students should wear appropriate clothing for weather conditions. This course serves as a prerequisite for all other OPOTA firearms instructor courses. Required Equipment: semi-automatic pistol, duty holster, 3 magazines, magazine holder, eye protection, hearing protection, ball cap, handheld flashlight/holder, and body armor. Students must wear appropriate clothing for possible weather changes. PREREQUISITE(S) OPOTC basic semi-auto pistol training

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### **SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Testing) Instructor**

Students will be certified to instruct the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommended Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Ohio OVI enforcement course. Course material includes a review of instructor skills, presentation of the OVI curriculum, individual presentation of the material and a written test. Volunteer drinkers are used to test the student's proficiency with the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests during the live drinking session. All teaching materials will be provided to the student. Upon successful completion of the course and BAS certification, the student will be OPOTC certified as a qualified instructor for the Basic SFST courses (Unit 8) taught in Ohio. This is an instructor course and students should have a good understanding and mastery of the administration of the SFSTs prior to coming to the class. A proficiency test on the administration of the Field Sobriety Tests will take place at the beginning of the course that must be passed to complete the course. Applicants must have successfully completed a basic DUI enforcement course (SFST or ADAP).

## **Shotgun Instructor**

This course prepares the student to function as a shotgun instructor. Instruction covers firearms safety, operational procedure, correction of shooting errors, shooting skills, and instructional concepts. Additional topics include: ready positions, conditions of the shotgun, shooting positions, shooting on the move, barricades, malfunctions, and transition drills. Participants must pass the OPOTC Shotgun Qualification course of fire the morning of day one to continue the class. Each student must provide the following Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): eye and ear protection, a ballistic vest (external or concealable), a brimmed ball-cap, closed toe shoes, and long pants. Participants may also want to include tactical gloves, knee-pads, and a shooting mat for their PPE, but they are not required. Students are required to bring the following equipment: shotgun, duty pistol, 250 buckshot rounds, 100 slug rounds, 500 bird shot (or target load) rounds, 200 pistol rounds, three magazines for the pistol, duty belt, holster, magazine pouches, handheld flashlight, and other range related equipment which includes participant's individual medical equipment (rescue inhalers, EpiPens, etc.), water bottle, and sunscreen. Participants are strongly recommended to have a weapon mounted light. A sling on the shotgun is required. Note: You must successfully complete a semi-auto pistol instructor course before attending this course. This includes previous 2 week, multi-platform courses (i.e., Firearms Instructor & Firearms Instructor: The Big Three). Successful completion of the course satisfies part of the OPOTC weapon specific requirements for the Shotgun Requalification Instructor Certification and/or Basic Training Firearms Instructor. PREREQUISITE(S): Semi-auto Pistol Instructor or 2 week Firearms Instructor or Firearms Instructor: The Big Three Operator level training with the shotgun

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## **Social Media Trends & Investigations**

This is the second in a series of three courses. This course will focus on Social Media and the types of information available from the "Big 3" social media companies. These types of investigative requests can produce large amounts of data sets and learning how to interpret this data is the key to making it work for your investigation. This course will cover other topics such as IP Addresses, Metadata and EXIF data and Location Data available from these companies. There will also be a discussion concerning more precise cell phone location data such as RTT/PCMD data. There will be a hands-on practical assignment at the end of this course. This course will be taught by an active Law Enforcement professional with expertise in this field. This is the second in a series of three courses. While each course can be taken individually and there is no prerequisite to attend this course, it is highly recommended that students take all three courses in order to fully understand the concepts being taught. The other two courses are "Electronic Media in Investigations" and "Geofencing and Advanced Location Data."

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## **Statement Analysis for the Informed Interview**

For years officers have been collecting Witness, Victim and Suspect statements, as a matter of routine, and often fail to recognize the importance of what the writer is really conveying or purposely omitting. Through the Statement Analysis process, officers and investigators can gain insight that will prove invaluable in the interview/interrogation phase of the investigation. By analyzing the deliberate words people use, paying attention to the balance of the statement, the strength of their insinuations and a

number of other critical factors, the Statement Analysis process will guide our investigators through a deliberate course of questioning. Statement Analysis will change the way our officers and investigators process criminal investigations and will unquestionably lead to a higher clearance and solve rate.

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### **Stops & Approaches Instructor**

This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to teach a traffic stops program to in-service personnel and/or basic academy cadets. Classroom time will be devoted to an overview of tactics and discussion of current case law and the Ohio Revised Code as it pertains to common traffic stop encounters. Time will also be used to cover teaching philosophies and techniques. The curriculum mirrors instruction of the basic academy program. The focus of the course is on teaching the program rather than performing the techniques as students. The course includes a classroom teach back as well as a practical teach back.

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### **Subject Control Instructor**

This two week course is designed to certify officers as subject control instructors for agency in-service or basic academy training. To successfully complete this course, students must pass a written exam and be able to demonstrate and teach the principles of subject control. Principles will include legal standards for use of force, documenting use of force and testifying in court, officer mindset, subject approach, striking, takedowns, handcuffing, ground defense, body lock/hold releases, weapon defenses (i.e., weapon retention, shot avoidance, edged and impact weapon defense), and scenario management. Tactics, situational awareness, and critical decision making will be discussed throughout this course. Note: This is a physical course and students should be in good physical condition to participate (i.e., fit for duty). This course is specifically designed for certified peace officers and corrections officers that have been through an approved basic training academy. If you are not one of the previously described officers or if you have limited training and experience in subject control, it is recommended that you complete operator level training prior to attending. Any questions can be sent to [Aaron.Coey@ohioattorneygeneral.gov](mailto:Aaron.Coey@ohioattorneygeneral.gov) Check the course dates. Some classes have been split over 3 weeks. For split schedules, there will be a week of training, a week off, and then return to finish the second week. PREREQUISITE(S): There is a pre-course assignment that is required for this course. It will be sent via email 3-4 weeks before the class is scheduled to begin. Students must have an operator level understanding of subject control principles. This is an advanced course and not designed for beginners.

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### **Testifying in Court**

Do you feel anxious or nervous about testifying in court? Build your confidence and skills in this class. Topics include courtroom strategies, testimony v. 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.

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### **TMP - Decision Making Under Stress**

The TMP class fulfills the requirements for Tactical Medical Professionals to complete a scenario training course developed by OPOTA. The class focuses on pre-mission planning, medical threat assessments and providing care to individuals in high threat environments. OPOTA will provide the simunition weapons, ammo and basic protective equipment (masks, neck, groin and gloves). Listed below is the equipment list students are responsible to bring with them. OPOTC approved firearms program or sworn officer Knowledge of Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) &/or Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)