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Subject: 2017 Continuing Professional Training (CPT) - 20 hours

Agency Administrator,

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 109.803, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) is required to set a minimum number of hours of continuing professional training (CPT). The minimum number of hours is based upon funding available for reimbursement. The Ohio Legislature, via House Bill 64, has provided funding and mandated that peace officers and troopers complete 20 hours of CPT for calendar year 2017. Between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, every appointing authority shall require each of its appointed peace officers and troopers to complete 20 hours of CPT. For public appointing authorities, as defined in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) section 109:2-18-01(D), to be eligible for reimbursement of training costs, CPT hours must include critical subject training as outlined below and the public appointing authority must comply with the annual roster reporting requirements of ORC 109.761(B). The reporting of the 2017 CPT hours will be reflected on your annual roster that is due by January 31, 2018.

Officers can take any agency directed training on general law enforcement subject(s) to meet the 20 hours required by law. Agency directed training must meet the requirements of OAC 109:2-18, serve a recognized law enforcement purpose, and have significant intellectual or practical content, the primary objective of which shall be to improve a participant's professional competence as a peace officer or trooper.

If reimbursement is desired, officers and troopers must take the training on the below critical subjects (in **bold**) as selected by Attorney General DeWine from recommendations of his Advisory Group on Law Enforcement Training.

- **Trauma Informed Policing** (6 hours)
 - Mandatory lesson plan, can be provided to agencies and taught by ODMHAS experts, or any of the following program instructors: OPOTC Crisis Intervention, SAMSA GAINS Center, NAMI CIT, Critical Incident Stress Management
 - or
 - OPOTA will provide the course taught by ODMHAS experts twice regionally and via webcast, each month
- **Practical Application of Force** (4 hours)
 - Mandatory lesson plan can be provided to agencies and taught by subject control instructors
 - or
 - Any applicable OPOTA "force" course which will be identified in the 2017 course catalog
- **Officer & Community Wellness** (4 hours) – choose one
 - **Blue Courage** (4 hours)
 - Mandatory lesson plan can be provided to agencies and taught by Blue Courage Instructors
 - or
 - Blue Courage 4-hour course series will be available on eOPOTA
 - or
 - **Procedural Justice & Police Legitimacy** (4 hours)
 - Mandatory lesson plan can be provided to agencies and taught by individuals meeting OAC criteria
 - or
 - OPOTA will provide the course live and via webcast, each month
- **Legal Update** (2 hours)

- Agency directed
- or
- 2017 Legal Update 4-hour course series will be available on eOPOTA

- General Law Enforcement (4 hours)
 - Agency directed

In addition to the new offerings above, OPOTA has many online, live, and webcast courses available which may be used to fulfill CPT requirements. The 2017 course catalog will be released during the [Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference](#), October 4-5, and is available for viewing on [OHLEG](#) and on the [OPOTA website](#).

Closer to year's end, you will be sent the *2017 CPT General Information and FAQ's* document to assist you and your officers with fulfilling the 2017 requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact the office, at 740-845-2700, with questions or concerns.

Regards,



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