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OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING COMMISSION AND ACADEMY

FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL REPORT



MIKE DEWINE
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL





Dear Law Enforcement Colleagues and Fellow Ohioans,

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Academy prepare law enforcement officers for their work in communities across Ohio. The work of the commission and academy are a vital component to my office's mission to protect Ohio families.

As a national leader in advanced training for law enforcement, the academy is committed to providing outstanding and accessible training programs. OPOTA provides courses at its London and Richfield campuses, regional hubs, online, and through live, interactive webcasts. In 2017, the academy saw a significant increase in course completions from five years prior. In addition, of the more than 500 traditional courses offered, more than half of the course hours were hands-on learning.

In January 2018, my Advisory Group on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly known as drones, issued its final report, which included a model policy for law enforcement use. OPOTA now offers UAS courses that review equipment, safety, basic flight maneuvers, and more.

Scenario-based training gives officers the opportunity to enhance their communication, decision making, force-on-force, and other skills in a safe training environment. OPOTA launched the Scenario Training Equipment Program (STEP) in November 2017 as a customized, low-cost way for departments to receive scenario-based training. Local training officers who participate in the program receive instructor-level scenario-based training from OPOTA instructors. Those who complete the training can then borrow (for free) the equipment needed to teach those same skills to their departments.

These are just a few of the accomplishments the academy and commission realized in fiscal year 2017. I invite you to read on to learn about other ways we worked to provide Ohio's law enforcement community with the best possible training and resources. Please feel free to share your comments or suggestions with Mary Davis, executive director of the commission and academy, at **740-845-2700** or Mary.Davis@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine
Ohio Attorney General

Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission Overview

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) advises the Ohio Attorney General and provides direction to the executive director on training, eligibility, and service standards for law enforcement and other public safety professionals in the state. The commission's ultimate goal is to ensure the highest level of safety for the citizens of Ohio.

OPOTC has worked to improve the professional capabilities of Ohio's law enforcement and public safety professionals since 1965. With the assistance of 64 dedicated employees and the executive director, the commission's nine members play a pivotal role in helping the Ohio Attorney General shape training and compliance standards for more than 33,300 peace officers and their 957 respective agencies.

The commission also is responsible for academic policies and professional standards for tens of thousands of corrections officers, bailiffs, jailers, private security officers, adult parole officers, probation officers, humane agents, public defender investigators, and law enforcement K-9 units.

Commission members are appointed by the governor and approved by the Ohio Senate. The Ohio Attorney General provides administrative oversight for the commission. To fulfill its statutory responsibility and improve law enforcement training in Ohio, the commission's role is to recommend:

- Rules for approving peace officer, private security, humane agent, jailer, corrections, public defender investigator, bailiff, K-9, Tactical Medical Professionals, School Resource Officers, and firearms training and certification.
- The curricula, minimum attendance, equipment, and facility requirements necessary for approval of training programs.
- Minimum qualifications required for instructors at approved training sites.
- Categories or classifications of advanced in-service training programs for peace officers, new chiefs, and sheriffs.
- Minimum requirements for the certification of K-9 units used by law enforcement agencies and training for county humane society agents.

The commission is also authorized to:

- Recommend studies, surveys, and reports designed to evaluate its effectiveness.
- Visit and inspect approved schools for the training of peace officers, corrections officers, jailers, private security officers, bailiffs, probation officers, and parole officers.
- Establish fees for commission services.
- Make recommendations to the Attorney General or General Assembly on the commission's statutory responsibilities.
- Set the minimum required hours of annual continuing professional training (CPT) for peace officers and troopers.

Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission Members

Executive Director Mary E. Davis,
Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Academy,
London, Ohio

Sheriff Vernon Stanforth, OPOTC chairperson,
Fayette County Sheriff's Office,
Washington Court House, Ohio

Special Agent in Charge Stephen Anthony,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Cleveland, Ohio

Chief Clayton Harris,
Cuyahoga Community College Police Department,
Cleveland, Ohio

Sheriff Michael Heldman,
Hancock County Sheriff's Office,
Findlay, Ohio

Chief Kimberley Jacobs,
Columbus Division of Police,
Columbus, Ohio

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Col. Paul Pride,
Superintendent, Ohio State Highway Patrol,
Columbus, Ohio

Deputy Attorney General Stephen Schumaker,
Ohio Attorney General's Office,
Columbus, Ohio

Dr. Emily Passias
Ohio Department of Education
Columbus, Ohio

Lt. James Fitsko
Law Enforcement Officer Representative
Marion, Ohio

Basic Training Programs

| Topic | Ohio Administrative Code | Hours Required * |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| Peace Officer Basic Training | 109:2-01 | 711 |
| Peace Officer Refresher Training | 109:2-01 | 16 |
| Private Security Basic Training | 109:2-03 | |
| A. Academic Portion Only | | 122 |
| B. Revolver | | 20 |
| C. Semi-Auto | | 20 |
| D. Shotgun | | 5 |
| Bailiff/Deputy Bailiff Basic Training | 109:2-05 | 40 |
| State Public Defender Criminal Investigator Basic Training | 109:2-06 | 40 |
| K-9 Unit and Evaluator Basic Training | 109:2-07 | |
| A. K-9 Evaluator, Core | | 25 |
| B. K-9 Evaluator, Special Purpose | | 38 |
| C. K-9 Evaluator, Patrol-Related | | 34 |
| Corrections Basic Training | 109:2-09 | 145 |
| Jailer Basic Training | 109:2-11 | |
| A. Jailer, 12-Day Facility | | 120 |
| Firearms Requalification | 109:2-13 | N/A |
| Humane Agent Basic Training | 109:2-15 | 34 |

*Hours subject to change with program revisions

Commission Highlights

Updating basic training curricula

OPOTC and its staff continued to evaluate, revise, and implement numerous topics within basic training programs in fiscal year 2018. The revisions are being guided by a job task analysis that drew feedback from more than 2,300 officers and 1,000 front-line supervisors from more than 800 Ohio law enforcement agencies.

Effective July 1, 2017 and Jan. 1, 2018, two sets of curricula were released, encompassing changes within the peace officer, peace officer refresher, private security, jailer, corrections, court officer, and humane agent basic training programs. Lesson plans covering 32 topics were released to the field.

As review of the curricula continues, the commission remains committed to providing current, pertinent, and industry best-practice material to basic academy students while incorporating instructional techniques that reflect the most effective adult-learning theories. These ongoing reviews resulted in an increase in hours for peace officer and humane agent basic training programs.

New additions to basic training

In line with a national initiative to reduce law enforcement line of duty deaths nationwide to less than 100, the training program “Below 100” was added to peace officer basic training, effective January 1, 2018. The new topic re-iterates safety precautions already covered with students to reinforce safety for them and others. It also covers trends related to preventable deaths and injuries and how to identify causes connected to these areas.

The revamped lesson plans added 16 hours to peace officer basic training, helping to increase the hours from 695 to 711. The commission also added “Subject Control Techniques” to the humane agent program, increasing the program’s hours from 26 to 34.

While not a true addition, the commission did combine the firearms programs for Bailiffs, Adult Parole Authority officers, and probation officers, into one program: Court Officer Basic Training. The combination of the programs will allow for more certified instructors and commanders to administer the program and lesson plan. In addition, form revisions will be more efficient.

Providing resources electronically

The commission provides many of its resources electronically to allow agencies greater access to services and information.

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) offers online registration for its regional and on-campus courses, allowing officers to search and register for courses through the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) at www.OHLEG.org. Designated agency approvers receive an email alerting them to training requests. Once approved, the officer and approver receive an email confirmation. Approvers also can register officers for courses and view their officers’ OPOTA training history to enhance agency training records. Agencies can activate their online registration account by sending an email to OPOTARegistration@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

The OPOTA Course Catalog at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTACourses lists classes available around the state and at the London and Richfield OPOTA campuses. Users can search by subject for full details about available classes.

Peace officers throughout Ohio can access the academy's online courses 24/7 through eOPOTA, which is available on OHLEG. Some courses of general interest – such as a series of classes on human trafficking and a course on the opiate overdose-reversal medication Narcan – also are offered to the public via the Ohio Attorney General's website, www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov. The peace officer basic training, refresher training, private security academic curricula, and instructional resources also have been placed on OHLEG to provide easy access for commanders and instructors. The commission offers an electronic Law Enforcement Directory, which provides contact information for Ohio police chiefs and sheriffs and links to state agencies and correctional facilities. The directory can be found at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Law-Enforcement/Law-Enforcement-Directory.

There is also a directory on OPOTC-certified instructors on OHLEG. This directory can be searched by instructor topic and county. Law enforcement officers throughout the state can update their contact information at <http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTAUpdate> to ensure they receive electronic communications from the academy and commission.

Law enforcement officers and administrators also can email OPOTA with general, certification, or training questions (askOPOTA@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov); to register for, or seek, information on courses (OPOTARegistration@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov); and to transmit agency changes of officer status or new appointments (SF400@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov).

Continuing Professional Training for peace officers and troopers

Unlike the State budget bill for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, the fiscal years 2018 and 2019 biennium budget did not include funds for training reimbursement. With no other funding source, OPOTC could not mandate Continuing Professional Training (CPT) for 2018.

However, the commission recommended each agency continue to build toward the 40 hours of annual advanced training for each of its officers and focus on specific topics, as recommended in the [report](#) issued by the Attorney General's Advisory Group on Law Enforcement Training (see recommendations 21-23).

Topic recommendations from the advisory group include:

- legal updates (i.e., case law, legislative changes)
- community-police relationships (e.g., implicit bias, procedural justice, community diversity, agency transparency, generational issues)
- mental health and crisis de-escalation
- refresher training for perishable skills in a reality-based training environment
- use of force policy review

Administrative Action Overview

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| State certification exams | 2,835 |
| Schools opened (including K-9) | 943 |
| Schools closed (Including K-9) | 942 |
| Certificates issued | 6,124 |
| Open enrollment letters issued | 863 |
| K-9 unit certifications | 1,364 |
| Instructor certificates issued (including K-9 & requalification) | 2,621 |
| Peace officers decertified | 18 |
| Prior equivalency training determinations | 50 |
| Update training determinations | 4,789 |

Ohio Peace Officer Profile

Ohio agencies commissioned 33,353 peace officers in fiscal year 2018. Below is a breakdown by agency type and appointment status:

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| Full-Time Peace Officers: | 24,749 |
| Sheriffs' Offices: 5,677 | |
| Police Agencies: 19,072 | |
| Part-Time Peace Officers: | 3,330 |
| Sheriffs' Offices: 316 | |
| Police Agencies: 3,014 | |
| Special Appointments: | 2,396 |
| Sheriffs' Offices: 2,188 | |
| Police Agencies: 208 | |
| Auxiliary Peace Officers: | 1,537 |
| Sheriffs' Offices: 247 | |
| Police Agencies: 1,290 | |
| Reserve Peace Officers: | 1,329 |
| Sheriffs' Offices: 756 | |
| Police Agencies: 573 | |
| Seasonal Peace Officers: | 12 |
| Total Ohio Peace Officers: | 33,353 |

Ohio's Concealed Carry Weapons Update

OPOTC maintains a database of statistics related to Ohio's concealed handguns law and issues an annual report highlighting the statistics, which are reported quarterly by sheriffs in Ohio.

During fiscal year 2018, the sheriffs reported issuing 71,310 regular licenses, 37 temporary licenses, 81,620 license renewals, 1,668 license suspensions, 722 license revocations, 1,407 concealed carry license applicant denials, and 63 license process suspensions.

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Overview

OPOTA is recognized as a national leader in advanced training for law enforcement. Groundwork was laid for its establishment in 1970 when then-Gov. James Rhodes signed House Bill 1160, authorizing OPOTC to launch its own training academy. The academy opened in 1976.

OPOTA uses the latest research and instructional methods to develop outstanding training programs that meet the needs of law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve. Courses are offered at the academy's main campus and Tactical Training Center, both in London, at a satellite campus in Richfield, through Mobile Academy and regional trainings throughout the state, and online through eOPOTA.

Courses cover a wide array of topics pertinent to today's law enforcement community — from latent fingerprint development, shooting reconstruction, and instructional skills to computer forensics, crisis intervention, and first-line supervision.

The academy is committed to:

- Providing outstanding instruction to the Ohio law enforcement community.
- Promoting rapid student development through the use of superior training methods.
- Continually upgrading course content by incorporating the latest research and recommended professional practices.
- Stimulating inquiry and providing fresh perspectives within the law enforcement profession.

Academy Highlights

Growth in Courses – Completions

To provide greater accessibility to training, OPOTA provides courses at its London and Richfield campuses, in addition to regional hubs, via mobile academies, online 24/7, and through live, interactive webcasts.

Officers completed a total of 257,787 course sessions through OPOTA last year, up from just over 82,000, in 2012. Meanwhile, 26,095 traditional courses were successfully completed at OPOTA campuses and regional locations across the state in 2017, up from 17,000 five years ago.

Growth in Courses – Distance Learning

OPOTA's greatest upsurge in training has been in the category of "distance" learning, which includes classes taken via live webcasts and recorded sessions through eOPOTA at no charge to agencies.

OPOTA also has continued to expand its free eOPOTA online courses, provided via a secure Internet link through OHLEG. Over 112 courses were available at the close of fiscal year 2018. More than 18,312 Ohio law enforcement officers completed over 124,230 course sessions, setting an eOPOTA record.

In order to bring a live classroom to officers in any place that has Web access, OPOTA began to offer courses via webcast in January 2016. The format provides a user-friendly, interactive platform that enables OPOTA to present courses to up to 3,000 officers at a time. Last year, 10 live courses were provided via webcast free of charge, training 5,774 individuals.

New School Safety Efforts

In June, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced increased efforts by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy to aid educators and law enforcement in preparing for and reacting to a potentially violent school incident.

A new video series produced by OPOTA, "Active Shooter Response: An Educator's Guide," provides guidance on how educators and law enforcement can work together to prepare for and react to a violent school incident, such as a school shooting. It includes videos about coded language, calling 911, and other topics.

The videos and a companion guide are available at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/SchoolSafety. The videos are easily accessible for viewers and can be used as conversation starters for school leaders, parents, students, and others.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Courses

In January 2018, Attorney General DeWine's Advisory Group on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) issued its final report, which included a model policy for use by law enforcement. In addition to the creation of a model policy, the report made 14 recommendations, which addressed topics such as licensure, training, protocols, and data/records management.

Courses are now available through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy that review required equipment, safety, basic flight maneuvers, logbooks, in-flight emergencies, and topics such as dealing with drone complaints. Attending operators will be required to fly their aircraft while

being supervised by remote pilots. The course ends with a mandatory Evaluation Proficiency Practical Test.

Scenario Training Equipment Program

OPOTA launched a new law enforcement training program aimed at bringing customized, low-cost, scenario-based training to law enforcement agencies across the state in November 2017.

The new Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Scenario Training Equipment Program (STEP) is a cost-effective method of bringing scenario-based training, which replicates real-world, high-stress situations, to Ohio law enforcement agencies across the state. Scenario-based training gives officers the opportunity to sharpen their decision making, teamwork, communications, de-escalation, force-on-force, and first-aid skills in a safe training environment.

Training officers from agencies that participate in STEP will receive instructor-level, scenario-based training from Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) instructors who will teach the safest and most effective ways to conduct force-on-force training. Local training officers who complete the instructor-level training are then able to borrow - free of charge - all of the equipment needed to safely bring this training back to their agencies.

A wide range of situations can be addressed in scenario-based training, such as how to safely de-escalate a situation through verbal skills or non-lethal force and tactics for responding to a hostage situation, active shooter, ambush, or mass casualty incident.

For more information on OPOTA courses, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTACourses.

Commission and Academy Financial Report

In fiscal year 2018, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Academy expenditures totaled \$19.1 million.

| Spending by Category | |
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| Payroll, Overtime, Fringe, etc. | \$ 6,454,010 |
| Purchased Personal Services and Contracts | \$ 345,995 |
| Supplies and Maintenance | \$ 1,933,865 |
| Equipment | \$ 274,020 |
| Subsidy and Shared Revenue | \$ 10,077,528 |
| Refunds | \$ 16,990 |
| Total | \$ 19,102,408 |

| Spending by Program Area | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Advanced Training | \$ 5,151,128 |
| Certification and Standards | \$ 10,377,982 |
| Education and Policy | \$ 760,828 |
| Administration and Operations | \$ 2,812,470 |
| Total | \$ 19,102,408 |

Commission and Academy Statistics

| State Certification Exam | |
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| Corrections Students Tested | 630 |
| Corrections Students Retested | 42 |
| Corrections Students Tested - Special Accommodations | 3 |
| Corrections Students Retested - Special Accommodations | 2 |
| Jailer Students Tested | 0 |
| Jailer Students Retested | 0 |
| Peace Officer Basic Students Tested | 1,363 |
| Peace Officer Basic Students Retested | 134 |
| Peace Officer Basic Students Tested - Special Accommodations | 28 |
| Peace Officer Basic Students Retested - Special Accommodations | 15 |
| Peace Officer Refresher Students Tested | 179 |
| Peace Officer Refresher Students Retested | 13 |
| Peace Officer Refresher Students Tested - Special Accommodations | 0 |
| Peace Officer Refresher Students Retested - Special Accommodations | 0 |
| Private Security Students Tested | 332 |
| Private Security Students Retested | 68 |
| Private Security Students Tested - Special Accommodations | 20 |
| Private Security Students Retested - Special Accommodations | 6 |
| Total Tests Administered | 2,835 |

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| Peace officer basic open enrollment letters issued | 863 |
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| Instructors | |
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| Peace officer basic amendments | 464 |
| Corrections amendments | 35 |
| Jailer amendments | 0 |
| Bailiff amendments | 0 |
| Private security amendments | 21 |
| Total amendments | 520 |

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| Peace officer basic renewals | 389 |
| Corrections renewals | 41 |
| Jailer renewals | 0 |
| Bailiff renewals | 6 |
| Private security renewals | 45 |
| Total renewals | 481 |

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| Peace officer basic unit certifications | 296 |
| Corrections unit certifications | 46 |
| Jailer unit certifications | 0 |
| Bailiff unit certifications | 2 |
| Private security unit certifications | 0 |
| Adult parole authority unit certifications | 16 |
| Total unit certifications | 360 |

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| Peace officer basic special certifications | 50 |
| Corrections special certifications | 23 |
| Jailer special certifications | 0 |
| Bailiff special certifications | 0 |
| Private security special certifications | 5 |
| Total special certifications | 78 |

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| Updates and Prior Equivalency Evaluations | |
| Peace officer basic update determinations | 4,182 |
| Bailiff update determinations | 2 |
| Total update determinations | 4,184 |
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| Peace officer basic prior equivalency determinations | 18 |
| Corrections basic prior equivalency determinations | 25 |
| Bailiff basic prior equivalency determinations | 7 |
| Total prior equivalency determinations | 50 |

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| Decertifications /Revocations | |
| Commanders | 1 |
| Instructors | 3 |
| Peace Officers | 18 |
| Total decertifications/revocations | 22 |

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| Suspensions | |
| Commanders | 0 |
| Instructors | 0 |
| Peace Officers | 2 |
| Total suspensions | 2 |

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| K-9 Certification | |
| Unit examinations approved | 378 |
| Unit examinations completed | 372 |
| Unit special purpose certifications | 766 |
| Unit patrol-related certifications | 599 |
| Evaluator special purpose certifications | 28 |
| Evaluator patrol-related certifications | 25 |

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| Firearms Requalification | |
| Instructor requalifications | 354 |
| Instructor amendments | 99 |
| Instructor renewals | 644 |

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| OPOTA Advanced Training | |
| OPOTA Courses | 1,220 |
| OPOTA Students | 25,427 |
| Training days | 1,413 |
| Student training days | 29,805 |
| Site use courses | 488 |

| Schools (excluding K-9) | |
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| Adult Parole Authority Basic Training Schools Opened | 17 |
| Adult Parole Authority Basic Training Schools Closed | 12 |
| Adult Parole Authority Basic Training Schools Canceled | 1 |
| Bailiff Basic Training Schools Opened | 1 |
| Bailiff Basic Training Schools Closed | 1 |
| Bailiff Basic Training Schools Canceled | 0 |
| Corrections Basic Training Schools Opened | 32 |
| Corrections Basic Training Schools Closed | 39 |
| Corrections Basic Training Schools Canceled | 1 |
| Jailer Basic Training Schools Opened | 0 |
| Jailer Basic Training Schools Closed | 0 |
| Jailer Basic Training Schools Canceled | 0 |
| Peace Officer Basic Training Schools Opened | 81 |
| Peace Officer Basic Training Schools Closed | 77 |
| Peace Officer Basic Training Schools Canceled | 0 |
| Peace Officer Refresher Course Training Schools Opened | 8 |
| Peace Officer Refresher Course Training Schools Closed | 8 |
| Peace Officer Refresher Course Training Schools Canceled | |
| Private Security Academic Plus Firearms Schools Opened | 3 |
| Private Security Academic Plus Firearms Schools Closed | 6 |
| Private Security Academic-Only Schools Opened | 18 |
| Private Security Academic-Only Schools Closed | 28 |
| Private Security Academic-Only Schools Canceled | 6 |
| Private Security Firearms Basic Schools Opened | 172 |
| Private Security Firearms Basic Schools Closed | 167 |
| Private Security Firearms Basic Schools Canceled | 9 |
| Private Security Firearms Requalification Schools Opened | 223 |
| Private Security Firearms Requalification Schools Closed | 224 |
| Private Security Firearms Requalification Schools Canceled | 9 |
| Probation Schools Opened | 10 |
| Probation Schools Closed | 8 |
| Probation Schools Canceled | 0 |

2018 Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

Perhaps the best way to understand the magnitude of these commission and academy activities is to pay a visit to the Ohio Fallen Officers' Memorial Wall, located at OPOTA's London campus.

There, the names of 791 fallen Ohio peace officers killed in the line of duty since 1823 are forever etched in the memorial's walls. They serve as a constant reminder of just how important the training function is to the brave men and women behind the badge.

The annual Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony is held the first Thursday in May to honor officers who gave their lives in the line of duty the year before.

The honorees in May 2018:

- Officer David J. Fahey, Jr., Cleveland Division of Police – End of Watch, Jan. 24, 2017
- Chief Steven “Eric” DiSario, Kirkersville Police Department – End of Watch, May 12, 2017
- Patrolman Marvin “Scott” Moyer, Lancaster Police Department – End of Watch, May 26, 2017
- Officer Justin A. Leo, Girard Police Department – End of Watch, Oct. 21, 2017

The historical inductions:

- Constable Franklin Stone, Oberlin Police Department – End of Watch, June 5, 1881
- Deputy Samuel J. Mautz, Franklin County Sheriff's Office – End of Watch, July 11, 1921
- Deputy Marshal Donald O. McLaughlin, Beverly Police Department – End of Watch, Aug. 16, 1970
- Patrolman Bradley T. Scott, Elyria Police Department – End of Watch, Aug. 27, 2004
- Sergeant Martin A. Stanton, Cleveland Division of Police – End of Watch, Sept. 27, 2010

The K-9 honoree:

- K-9 Dino, Green Township Police Department – End of Watch, Sept. 25, 2017

The K-9 historical inductions:

- K-9 Uganda, Perkins Township Police Department – End of Watch, Dec. 2016

2017 Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards

These individuals and groups received Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards at the Ohio Attorney General's 2017 Law Enforcement Conference to recognize their outstanding achievements and dedication:

Distinguished Law Enforcement Lifetime Achievement Award

Officer Richard T. Baldwin, Youngstown Police Department

Retired officer Richard T. Baldwin has dedicated his life to the safety of his community and serving others. For 30 years, he worked for the Youngstown Police Department, where he was known as a motivated leader and role model to others in law enforcement. As a member of the U.S. military for 41 years, he served his nation and was deployed to active war zones. Throughout his life, Baldwin has been a tireless volunteer for military causes, charities, and people with disabilities.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Lifetime Achievement Award

Sheriff Albert J. "Tim" Rodenberg, Jr. (retired), Clermont County Sheriff's Office

As the sheriff, Tim Rodenberg provided distinguished law enforcement service to the people of Clermont County from 1997 to 2017. During his tenure, he fostered an atmosphere of inclusion and collaboration in the sheriff's office. In the community, he volunteered for events that benefited children, the elderly, the military, and people with disabilities. Before becoming sheriff, Rodenberg served in the Marine Corps, spent time as a practicing attorney, and worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Civilian Leadership Award

Bruce and Nancy Haverkamp, The Matt Haverkamp Foundation

In remembrance of their son, Officer Matt Haverkamp, who died in a car accident, Bruce and Nancy Haverkamp established a nonprofit foundation in 2005 to start and support K-9 units for law enforcement agencies in the Cincinnati area. Since its inception, the foundation has raised about \$300,000, purchased 40 dogs, and paid for related training and equipment. Each year, they host a 5K run, and they organize a golf outing to raise money for the foundation. The couple also maintains a website to collect donations.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Community Service Award

Deputy Erica Russell, Franklin County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Erica Russell, who has been with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for almost nine years, joined its Community Relations Bureau in 2014. In that role, she has become recognized as a friend of the citizens of Prairie Township and built a strong relationship with residents, trustees, businesses, organizations, and other first responders. Deputy Russell was instrumental in setting up a Safety Town program and bike safety classes. She has taught active-shooter and women's self-defense classes and helped launch an educational program about opiates. To keep residents informed, she updates the community's Nextdoor social network. Deputy Russell also helps with a monthly produce giveaway for low-income families.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Training Award

The Ohio State University Police Division, Ordinance Team

The training provided by The Ohio State University Police Division's Ordinance Team — made up of Lieutenant Brandon Yankanin, Detective Jason Becker, and officers Jeremy Allen, Dustin Mowery, and Adam Tabor — prepared Officer Alan Horujko to react quickly to stop a terrorist attack on campus last year. "We are extremely fortunate to have these officers, who refuse to settle for what is minimally required," he said. The Ordinance Team conducts training sessions throughout the year on subjects such as firearms proficiency, tactics, building-search techniques, combat first-aid application, and active shooter response. The team is constantly updating the curriculum, and the instructors work diligently to secure funding and support for the trainings.

Mark Losey Distinguished Law Enforcement Service Award

Detective Gerard 'Jerry' Antenucci, Barberton Police Department

During his 25 years in law enforcement, Detective Jerry Antenucci has followed a simple code: Go after the bad guys who hurt good people. His full file of commendations indicates that he has had a lot of success following that mantra throughout his career. Detective Antenucci has received recognition for his actions on many cases, including one where a traffic stop turned into a drug arrest and another where a warrant sweep ended in 19 arrests and the confiscation of weapons. While serving on the U.S. Marshal Services Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task force, Detective Antenucci gained the respect and admiration of other law enforcement personnel for his willingness to work hard and do the job right.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award

Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC)/Central Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force

The officers of the Central Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force, a federal effort under the direction of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission, are dedicated to the mission of stopping the flow of illegal drugs, identifying drug sources, and shutting down those criminal operations. A snapshot of activity from June 1, 2016, to May 1, 2017, shows the task force seized, among other drugs, 214 pounds of cocaine worth \$7.3 million, 59 pounds of heroin worth \$3.2 million, 29 pounds of methamphetamine worth \$1.3 million, and 750 grams of fentanyl powder worth more than \$130,000, along with fentanyl capsules made to resemble a prescription medication. The group also seized almost \$3 million in cash.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award

Miami Valley Bulk Smuggling Task Force

The Miami Valley Bulk Smuggling Task Force, an Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission Task Force, which operates in the vicinity of the I-75 and I-70 corridors, combats national and international drug traffickers and those who smuggle U.S. currency. The task force uses investigations, surveillance, and informants to target criminals. It focuses on hotels, motels, airports, bus stations, and highway traffic in the Montgomery County area when trying to identify couriers of drugs and money. Since the task force's formation in 2013, it has planned and executed more than 600 operations resulting in the indictments of 128 suspects.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award

Capt. Jack L. Tremain, Ross Township Police Department

Capt. Jack Tremain was serving as the acting chief of the Ross Township Police Department on Aug. 3, 2016, when three suspects in a double homicide tried unsuccessfully to escape through his jurisdiction. Capt. Tremain responded to a call that officers from the Hamilton Police Department were in pursuit of a truck carrying three suspects, possibly armed with an AK-47, in the township. Capt. Tremain set up a roadblock, forcing the suspects off the road. One of the suspects jumped out of the truck and ran up a wooded hillside. Capt. Tremain pursued on foot. The suspect tried to hide, but Capt. Tremain found him, handcuffed him, and then, found the man's discarded weapon and ammunition. The Hamilton Police Department thanked Capt. Tremain for his assistance in the arrest.

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Officer Alan Horujko, The Ohio State University Police Division

On Nov. 28, 2016, Officer Alan Horujko called on his training to quickly respond to, and end, a terrorist attack on a group of university students and faculty. On that morning, a crowd had gathered in a courtyard after a natural-gas leak at a lab on main campus forced an evacuation. An 18-year-old student, who was inspired to commit terrorism by ISIS propaganda, purposely drove his car over a curb and into the group. He jumped out and began slashing at bystanders with a knife. Officer Horujko was responding to the gas leak when he became aware of the situation nearby. Feeling that he had no time to wait on backup, he ordered the attacker to drop the knife. The man refused and ran at the officer, who fired his gun, killing the attacker. The encounter between the two men lasted less than a minute. Thirteen people were hurt in the attack, but the situation could have been worse if not for the quick response by Officer Horujko.



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