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Commission and Academy**



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★ OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL ★

Dear Law Enforcement Colleagues and Fellow Ohioans,

The work of the Ohio Attorney General's Peace Office Training Commission and Academy helps ensure our law enforcement officers are well-prepared to meet their responsibilities in communities across the state. Both made significant gains in fiscal 2012, the period covered by this report.

Among other accomplishments, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) laid the groundwork for its new Mobile Academy, which we introduced in December 2012. Aimed at helping local agencies save money and limit officers' time away from the job, the Mobile Academy features state-of-the-art firearms simulators, driving simulators, and expert trainers.

This new way of doing business puts Ohio at the forefront in taking innovative training directly to local law enforcement. Most importantly, it helps peace officers build skills in some of the highest risk duties they face, situations that require quick and sound decision-making in order to save lives.

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) and its staff continued their comprehensive update of the state's basic training curricula. Updates were made in fiscal 2012 to peace officer basic training, peace officer refresher, and private security basic training courses. This effort ensures these training curricula reflect best practices and prioritize the safety and well-being of Ohio families and peace officers.

This annual report details our work to provide the best possible training and resources to Ohio's law enforcement community. I welcome your feedback, and I encourage you to share your suggestions with Robert Fiatal, executive director of the commission and academy, at 740-845-2700 or [Robert.Fiatal@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](mailto:Robert.Fiatal@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov).

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine  
Ohio Attorney General

## Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission Overview

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission advises the Attorney General and provides direction to the executive director on training, eligibility, and service standards for Ohio law enforcement and other public safety professionals. 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 65 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 33,000 peace officers and their 978 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 canine 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, canine, 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
- Minimum requirements for the certification of canine units utilized by law enforcement agencies

The commission also is authorized to:

- Recommend studies, surveys, and reports designed to evaluate its own effectiveness
- Visit and inspect Ohio peace officer training schools
- Establish fees for commission services
- Make recommendations to the Attorney General or General Assembly on the commission's statutory responsibilities

## Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission Members

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

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

Chief Paul Denton  
The Ohio State University Police Department  
Columbus, Ohio

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Akron Police Department  
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Chief Ronald Ferrell  
Mason Police Department  
Mason, Ohio

## Basic Training Programs

Topic	Ohio Administrative Code	Hours Required
Peace Officer Basic Training	109:2-01	582
Peace Officer Refresher Training	109:2-01	16
Private Security Basic Training	109:2-03	
a. Academic Portion Only		135
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	N/A
Canine Unit and Evaluator Basic Training	109:2-07	
a. Canine Evaluator, Core		11
b. Canine Evaluator, Special Purpose		8
c. Canine Evaluator, Patrol-Related		3
Corrections Officer Basic Training	109:2-09	142
Jailer Basic Training	109:2-11	
a. Jailer, 12-Day Facility		48
b. Contact Training, 12-Day Facility		16
c. Sworn Officer, 12-Day Facility		8
d. Jailer, 12-Hour Facility		16
Firearms Requalification	109:2-13	N/A
Humane Agent Basic Training	109:2-15	20

## Commission Highlights

### Updating basic training curricula

OPOTC and its staff continued to evaluate, revise, and implement numerous topics within multiple basic training programs in fiscal 2012. 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 of Ohio's 978 law enforcement agencies.

Within the peace officer basic training (POBT) program, 32 topics totaling 111 training hours were revised and became effective July 1, 2011. The changes followed a thorough review of the entire curriculum and were selected on the basis of officer safety issues and outdated legal material. The updates also were included in the POBT refresher program. A second round of basic training revisions was released Nov. 1, 2011, and became effective Jan. 1, 2012. These changes encompassed the POBT, refresher, and private security training programs. Thirty-two topics totaling 184 training hours were reviewed and revised by subject matter experts and provided to the state's basic training academies. Lesson plans covering 31 topics and 243 training hours were released May 1, 2012, for the POBT, refresher, and private security basic programs and became effective July 1, 2012.

As review of the curricula continues, the commission remains committed to providing current, pertinent, and industry best-practice material to its basic academy students while incorporating instructional techniques that reflect the most effective adult learning theories.

### Providing resources electronically

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

In fiscal 2012, OPOTA introduced 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](http://www.OHLEG.org). Designated agency "approvers" receive an e-mail alerting them to training requests and, once approved, the officer and approver receive e-mail confirmation. Approvers can view their officers' OPOTA training history to enhance agency training records.

The OPOTA Course Catalog at [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTACourses](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTACourses) lists classes available around the state and at the London and Richfield OPOTA campuses. Users can search by subject matter for full details of 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 — also are offered to the public via the Ohio Attorney General's website at [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](http://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 also offers a convenient electronic Law Enforcement Directory, which provides contact information for Ohio police chiefs and sheriffs and links to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, state agencies, and correctional facilities. The directory can be found at [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/LawEnforcementDirectory](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/LawEnforcementDirectory). Law enforcement officers throughout the state can update their contact information at [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTAUpdate](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTAUpdate) to ensure they receive electronic communications from the academy and commission.

Constituents also can e-mail OPOTA with general, certification, or training questions ([askOPOTA@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](mailto:askOPOTA@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov)); to register for or seek information on courses ([OPOTARegistration@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](mailto:OPOTARegistration@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov)); and to transmit agency changes of officer status or new appointments ([SF400@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](mailto:SF400@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov)).

### **Supporting local drug education programs**

The Attorney General's Office awarded \$3.8 million to 190 Ohio law enforcement agencies in May 2012 through the Drug Use Prevention Grant program, which supports the salaries of peace officers who offer drug use prevention education in Ohio public schools.

The funding allowed 309 Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and school resource officers to reach nearly 340,000 students statewide with anti-drug messaging. The program also provides DARE workbooks to officers at no cost and supports the DARE Officer Training and School Resource Officer Basic Training Programs.

During fiscal 2012, 103 officers were trained as new DARE and school resource officers at the OPOTA London and Richfield campuses.

### **Updating firearms qualification standards**

OPOTC works to ensure that the requalification program required annually of all Ohio peace officers authorized to carry firearms is in line with best practices and that the qualification standard taught in basic academies reflects that of active officers. In November 2011, the commission approved a new pistol requalification course of fire. The course was optional for agencies during 2012, giving them time to become familiar with it and exhaust existing materials. Basic academies also were provided with the new course to begin using after Jan. 1, 2013. A panel of experts was assembled in fiscal 2012 to update the shotgun requalification course.



## Administrative Action Overview

State certification exams	2,720
Academies opened	589
Academies closed	592
Certificates issued	6,188
Open enrollment letters issued	1,041
Instructor certificates issued	1,456
Peace officers decertified	25
Canine unit certifications	616
Firearms requalification instructor certificates processed	981
Prior equivalency determinations	24
Update training determinations	4,019
Academy instructors for whom compliance maintained	5,967

## 2011 Ohio Peace Officer Profile

Ohio agencies commissioned 33,592 peace officers in fiscal 2012. Here is a breakdown by agency type and appointment status:

Full-Time Peace Officers:	23,441
Sheriffs' Offices:	5,241
Police Agencies:	18,200
Part-Time Peace Officers:	3,511
Sheriffs' Offices:	218
Police Agencies:	3,293
Special Appointments:	2,897
Sheriffs' Offices:	2,710
Police Agencies:	187
Auxiliary Peace Officers:	1,927
Sheriffs' Offices:	313
Police Agencies:	1,614
Reserve Peace Officers:	1,784
Sheriffs' Offices:	888
Police Agencies:	896
Seasonal Peace Officers:	32
<b>Total Ohio Peace Officers</b>	<b>33,592</b>

## **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 stats, which are reported quarterly by Ohio sheriffs.

During fiscal 2012, the sheriffs reported issuing 57,049 new concealed carry licenses, 5,661 license renewals, 985 license suspensions, 198 license revocations, 884 concealed carry license applicant denials, and 106 license process suspensions. They also issued 57 temporary emergency licenses, one temporary license suspension, and three application denials.

## Commission and Academy Financial Report

The fiscal 2012 Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Academy budget totaled more than \$10 million.

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund Use and Purpose</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Attorney General Claims	Pays operating expenses such as payroll, utilities, travel, and equipment.	\$ 5,629,460
Drug Abuse Resistance Education	Pays Drug Use Prevention Program grant awards and associated costs. Funding comes from driver's license reinstatement fees.	3,260,044
Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy	Pays instructor payroll and guest instructor personal service contracts. Most funding comes from tuition fees.	1,269,954
Law Enforcement Assistance	Pays Continuing Professional Training (CPT) reimbursement requests.	12,680
General Reimbursement	Pays costs associated with Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference.	113,232
Private Security	Pays partial salaries for employees administering the private security program. Funding is generated from private security fees established by ORC 109.78.	52,700
Anti-Drug Abuse	Funding comes from grants managed by OPOTC staff.	34,580
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,372,650</b>

## Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Overview

Groundwork was laid for OPOTA's establishment in 1970 when then-Gov. James Rhodes signed House Bill 1160, authorizing the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to launch its own training academy. The academy opened in 1976 and has since become recognized as a national leader in advanced training for law enforcement.

OPOTA utilizes 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, at Mobile Academy 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 report writing, criminal investigation, 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

### Introducing the Mobile Academy

OPOTA laid the groundwork during fiscal 2012 for a new Mobile Academy, launched in December 2012. The academy – which takes instruction on the road with state-of-the-art firearms and driving simulators – makes training even more convenient and cost-effective for law enforcement agencies across Ohio. Of the 14 simulators being incorporated into OPOTA instruction, eight were authorized following positive feedback from local law enforcement at the Attorney General's 2012 Law Enforcement Conference.

Regional trainings and subject control courses also are part of the Mobile Academy's offerings. More than 157 regional training sessions were conducted across the state in fiscal 2012, up from 143 the previous year. The courses cover a wide array of valuable topics and are available at no cost to local departments.

Attorney General Mike DeWine has made it a priority to increase the number of trainings available regionally and to schedule them within an hour's drive of most law enforcement agencies. Whenever possible, trainings are held at large venues close to major interstates and with free parking. In addition to OPOTA instructors, the faculty includes law enforcement professionals, higher education instructors, medical personnel, and others who regularly practice what they teach.

### Bolstering online courses

OPOTA also has greatly expanded its free eOPOTA online courses, provided via secure Internet link through the Attorney General's Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) at [www.OHLEG.org](http://www.OHLEG.org).

As local budgets continue to shrink, eOPOTA has allowed agencies to save travel and overtime expenses, reducing the financial burden on departments and taxpayers. Seventy-two eOPOTA courses were available in fiscal 2012, up from 56 in fiscal 2011. More than 6,111 Ohio peace officers took eOPOTA courses, completing 23,545 individual course sessions.

### Holding Flagship Agency status

OPOTA is considered a Flagship Agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), an internationally recognized credentialing body. The status is held by public safety agencies across the country that demonstrate success in the CALEA accreditation process and serve as a model for how to address compliance, policy development, record maintenance, and other issues. Member organizations are assessed every three years.

CALEA assessment teams conduct site visits to determine agencies' compliance with standards, view facilities and records, and hold a public information session. Flagship Agency status recognizes academies and law enforcement agencies based on past accreditation records, the most recent assessment, and overall professional standing in the public safety community.

CALEA was created in 1979 by law enforcement's major executive associations. Its accreditation programs are designed to improve the delivery of public safety services and recognize professional excellence.

## OPOTA Statistics

<b>State Certification Exam</b>	
Peace officer basic students tested	1,458
Peace officer basic students tested – special accommodations	8
Peace officer basic students retested	225
Peace officer basic students retested – special accommodations	5
Peace officer basic college academy students tested	21
Peace officer basic college academy students retested	17
Peace officer refresher students tested	174
Peace officer refresher students retested	3
Corrections students tested	295
Corrections students retested	24
Jailer students tested	25
Jailer students retested	6
Private security students tested	410
Private security students tested – special accommodations	5
Private security students retested	39
<b>Private security students retested – special accommodations</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total tests administered</b>	<b>2,720</b>

<b>Schools</b>	
Peace officer basic schools opened	97
Corrections schools opened	17
Jailer schools opened	5
Bailiff schools opened	6
Probation schools opened	15
Private security schools opened	449
<b>Total schools opened</b>	<b>589</b>
Peace officer basic schools closed	119
Corrections schools closed	21
Jailer schools closed	6
Bailiff schools closed	8
Probation schools closed	15
Private security schools closed	423
<b>Total schools closed</b>	<b>592</b>
<b>Peace officer basic open enrollment letters issued</b>	<b>1,041</b>

<b>Instructors</b>	
Peace officer basic amendments	270
Corrections amendments	35
Jailer amendments	2
Bailiff amendments	0
Private security amendments	68
<b>Total amendments</b>	<b>375</b>
Peace officer basic renewals	375
Corrections renewals	51
Jailer renewals	2
Bailiff renewals	1
Private security renewals	64
<b>Total renewals</b>	<b>493</b>
Peace officer basic unit certifications	280
Corrections unit certifications	25
Jailer unit certifications	0
Bailiff unit certifications	0
Private security unit certifications	42
<b>Total unit certifications</b>	<b>347</b>
Peace officer basic special certifications	67
Corrections special certifications	14
Jailer special certifications	1
Bailiff special certifications	0
Private security special certifications	6
<b>Total special certifications</b>	<b>88</b>

<b>Updates and prior equivalency evaluations</b>	
Peace officer basic update determinations	4,019
Corrections update determinations	0
Jailer update determinations	0
Bailiff update determinations	0
<b>Total update determinations</b>	<b>4,019</b>
Peace officer basic prior equivalency determinations	24
Corrections basic prior equivalency determinations	1
Jailer basic prior equivalency determinations	0
Bailiff basic prior equivalency determinations	2
<b>Total prior equivalency determinations</b>	<b>27</b>

<b>Decertifications/Revocations</b>	
Academies	0
Commanders	20
Instructors	8
Peace Officers	25
<b>Total decertifications/revocations</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Suspensions</b>	
Academies	0
Commanders	0
Instructors	0
Peace Officers	0
<b>Total suspensions</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Canine certification</b>	
Unit examinations approved	222
Unit examinations completed	210
Unit special purpose certifications	353
Unit patrol-related certifications	263
Evaluator special purpose certifications	30
Evaluator patrol-related certifications	28

<b>Firearms requalification</b>	
Instructor requalifications	299
Instructor amendments	162
Instructor renewals	517

<b>OPOTA advanced training</b>	
Courses	639
Students	16,168
Training days	1,623
Student training days	30,676
Video Conferences	1
Video Conference students	46



## 2012 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.

Here, the names of 749 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.

Those honored in 2012 were:

- Deputy Susanne M. Hopper, Clark County Sheriff's Office, whose end of watch came Jan. 1, 2011
- Officer Thomas R. Hayes, Columbus Division of Police, who passed away Jan. 20, 2011, from injuries sustained in 1979
- Officer Jonathan V. Bastock, Stow Police Department, whose end of watch came Feb. 5, 2011
- Captain Daniel P. Stiles, Uniontown Police Department, whose end of watch came Feb. 15, 2011
- Police Officer Andrew S. Dunn, Sandusky Police Department, whose end of watch came March 19, 2011
- Sergeant Brian S. Dulle, Warren County Sheriff's Office, whose end of watch came May 10, 2011

Remembered by 2012 historical inductions were:

- George Brenner, Wellington Police Department, whose end of watch came July 18, 1883
- Thomas Roach Jr., Newark Police Department, whose end of watch came Nov. 29, 1886
- Spooner C. Crapo, Rochester Village Police Department, whose end of watch came Nov. 11, 1905
- Charles W. Lind, Cincinnati Police Division, whose end of watch came July 5, 1908
- David H. Barnes, New York Central Railroad Police Department, whose end of watch came July 28, 1920
- Robert D. Leigh, Cincinnati Police Division, whose end of watch came April 27, 1940

## **2011 Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards**

Dozens of individuals were honored with Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards during the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference in fall 2011.

### **Distinguished Law Enforcement Training Award**

**Officer Charles D. "Dave" King**  
**[Westerville Division of Police]**

Recognized for greatly expanding the type and quality of training available to Westerville officers since assuming the role of training officer in 2007.

### **Mark Losey Distinguished Law Enforcement Service Award**

**Lieutenant Nick DiMarco**  
**[Garfield Heights Police Department]**

Recognized for the many contributions he made during 45 years with the Garfield Heights Police Department.

### **Mark Losey Distinguished Law Enforcement Service Award**

**Chief Albert P. Schaefer**  
**[Mount Healthy Police Department]**

Recognized for the many contributions he made during 39 years with the Mount Health Police Department.

### **Mark Losey Distinguished Law Enforcement Service Award**

**Chief Robert Taylor**  
**[Genoa Township Police Department]**

Recognized for his contributions during 38 years in law enforcement, including 13 years with the Genoa Township Police Department and 24 years with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

### **Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award**

**Special Agent Ed Carlini**  
**Special Agent Joe Dietz**  
**Special Agent Mark Kollar**  
**Special Agent Ed Lulla**  
**Special Agent George Staley**  
**Special Agent Gary Wilgus**  
**Special Agent Dan Winterich**  
**[Bureau of Criminal Investigation]**

**Sheriff David Barber  
Captain David Shaffer  
Detective Lieutenant Gary Rohler  
Detective Sergeant Roger Brown  
Detective David Light  
Detective Doug Turpen  
[Knox County Sheriff's Office]**

Recognized for quickly solving the murders of a woman, her child, and a family friend and rescuing the woman's 13-year-old daughter, who had been kidnapped and sexually assaulted.

### **Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award**

**Senior Special Agent Gabriel Hagan  
[U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement]**

**Sergeant Don Sylvis  
[Cleveland Metroparks Ranger Department]**

**Postal Inspector Paul Suboyu  
[U.S. Postal Inspection Service]**

**Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan  
Assistant U.S. Attorney Carol Skutnik  
[U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Ohio]**

Recognized for their role in Operation Traverse Task Force, an undercover sex tourism operation that led to the conviction of four individuals for attempted sex trafficking of children and related crimes.

### **Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award**

**Trooper Jason Bonar  
[Ohio State Highway Patrol]**

Recognized for preventing a rape in Trumbull County, where he came upon a 66-year-old woman and her perpetrator while off duty.

### **Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award**

**Central Vice Control Section  
[Cincinnati Police Department]**

Recognized for their quick and decisive action when a motorcycle gang took over a Cincinnati bar and the gang's "enforcer" opened fire as officers approached.

### **Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award**

**Deputy Matt Henry**  
[Union County Sheriff's Office]

### **Distinguished Law Enforcement Meritorious Service Award**

**Deputy Richard Crabtree**  
**Deputy Shawn Waller**  
[Union County Sheriff's Office]

**Officer Robert Bartholomew**  
**Officer Amy Findley**  
**Officer Joseph Petzinger**  
[Marysville Division of Police]

**Sergeant Mike Hasson**  
**Trooper James Bryner**  
[Ohio State Highway Patrol]

Recognized for working together across multiple jurisdictions to subdue an enraged, intoxicated man who led them on a high-speed chase and opened fire in a subdivision.

### **Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award**

**Detective Brandon J. Moore**  
[Morrow County Sheriff's Office]

### **Distinguished Law Enforcement Meritorious Service Award**

**Sergeant Robert Chalfant**  
[Morrow County Sheriff's Office]

Recognized for their brave response when a man suspected of growing marijuana opened fire with an assault rifle, shooting Detective Moore five times. The detective returned fire, incapacitating the shooter.

### **Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award**

**Sheriff Gene Kelly**  
**Major Russell Garman**  
**Lieutenant Dustin White**  
**Sergeant Christopher Clark**  
**Detective Richard Brumfield**  
**Detective Ethan Cox**  
**Detective Perry Roeser**  
**Deputy Chad Eubanks**  
**Deputy Robert Wagner**  
[Clark County Sheriff's Office]

**Officer Jeremy Blum**  
**[German Township Police Division]**

Recognized for their response in a shootout that followed the death of Clark County Sheriff's Deputy Suzanne Hopper, who was killed while investigating a report of shots fired at a public campground.

## **Commission and Academy Staff Awards**

### **Executive Director's Award**

The Executive Director's Award goes to the following employees who, through dedicated service, have served as role models to others with the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and Commission and the public. These employees reflect the commission and academy core values of integrity, professionalism, cooperation, and commitment.

- John Green, deputy director
- Lynnette Rodrigue, law enforcement training officer
- Nevalyn Payton, clerk II
- Jill Gregory, certification officer
- Brittany Thompson, word processor II
- Kelly Shore, administrative assistant II

### **Citizen's Service Award**

The Citizen's Service Award recognizes those who have assisted the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and Commission staff in the furtherance of training and certification of law enforcement.

- Fayette County Sheriff Vernon P. Stanforth, who has devoted many volunteer hours to serving as chairperson of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission

### **Community Service Award**

The Community Service Award recognizes employees who generously give their time to the community for the betterment of mankind.

- Richard Brownley, an Ohio Attorney General's Office employee, assisted with the Ohio Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony, something near and dear to his heart. He also provided the OPOTA staff with strength, guidance, and comfort upon the passing of co-worker Patty Detling.
- Donna Long, administrative assistant II, volunteers through her church, helping with community service events, mission trips, and a handmade card ministry that provides those in need with prayers and encouragement.

### **Apple Award**

The Apple Award is presented to the division of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and Commission that has used the least sick time per employee.

- Law Enforcement Services Section, Advanced Training Division



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