



Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



2024-2255

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 818 Cherryberry Dr.,
Columbus, OH 43228 (L)

Investigative Activity: Review of Records

Involves: [REDACTED]

Date of Activity: 11/13/2024

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Narrative:

On Monday, August 1, 2024, The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) for assistance in investigating an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) at 818 Cherryberry Drive, Columbus, Ohio. The incident stemmed from a domestic dispute involving Benjamin Wheeler (Wheeler), who had an active felony warrant for child support. Wheeler barricaded himself inside his residence and CPD Special Weapons and Tactics (CPD SWAT) responded to the barricade situation. After hours of unsuccessful negotiation and multiple non-lethal tactics attempts, CPD SWAT entered the residence to arrest Wheeler. An incident between Wheeler and SWAT officers ensued resulting in Wheeler's death.

On November 13, 2024, BCI Special Agent Aja Chung searched on the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) website to confirm the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) certification status of CPD [REDACTED]. OPOTC records showed that [REDACTED] had a valid OPTOA certificate during the time of the incident. The training history report, advanced training, basic training, and OPOTA online training were saved electronically within the case file. Those documents are also attached to this report. Please review those documents for specific dates and certifications.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: [REDACTED] OPOTA Records

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Office of Ohio Attorney General

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy

Officer Record



OPOTA London Campus
1650 State Route 56 SW
P.O. Box 309
London, OH 43140
Phone: 740-845-2700

██████████, Columbus Police Department, ID: ██████████

Appointment History*

Agency	Employee Status	Start Date	End Date	Separation Reason
Columbus Police Department	Full-time	██████████		

Basic Academy Records

School Number	School	Start Date	End Date	Exam Date	Certificate Number	Certificate Date	Appointed By	Appointed Date
██████████	Columbus Police Academy	██████████	██████████		██████████	██████████	Columbus Police Department	██████████
██████████	Great Oaks Police Academy							
██████████	Central Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy							

OPOTA Advanced Training Records**

Course Title	Start Date	End Date
Precision Rifle Operator	7/22/2024	7/26/2024
Basic Precision Rifle Skills	11/13/2023	11/15/2023

LMS Training Records

Date Completed	Course Title	Officer Number	Officer
10/21/2010	Bridging the Gap		
10/21/2010	Miranda Rights Part 2		
10/21/2010	Miranda Rights Part 1		
10/20/2010	Automobile Searches		
10/20/2010	Consent to Search Part 2		
10/20/2010	Automobile Inventory		
10/18/2010	Fraud Against Seniors		
10/18/2010	Animal Encounters		
10/18/2010	Financial Exploitation of Seniors		

Canine Training Records

Canine School	Certificate Date	Canine Unit	Certificate Type	Specialty	Renewal Date
No Records Found					

***The appointment records listed above reflect the appointed and separation information reported to OPOTC pursuant to section 109.761 of the Revised Code. Neither OPOTC, nor its staff, has independent knowledge of the information contained in these records.**

****The advanced training records listed above reflect ONLY THOSE trainings the peace officer scheduled through OPOTA. Records reflecting advanced training conducted by the peace officer's agency, or conducted by another organization, are not maintained by OPOTC. Requests for any such records should be directed to the peace officer's employing agency or the organization who conducted the training.**