



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



2024-3257

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 200 Cline Avenue,  
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

**Investigative Activity:** Personnel file and training records review  
**Involves:** Sgt. Shane Gess (S)  
**Activity Date:** 11/08/2024  
**Activity Location:** BCI Richfield  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Jon Lieber #50

**Narrative:**

On Friday, November 01, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov received the personnel file and training records for Sergeant (Sgt.) Shane Gess (Gess) from Mansfield Police Department (MPD) Lieutenant Skropits. SA Jon Lieber (Lieber) reviewed the personnel file and training records and noted the following:

Personnel file

Gess' personnel file consisted of employment records, department and civilian commendations, training records, oath of office, and miscellaneous documents.

No discipline related to use of force was located within the personnel file.

Range Qualification Records

On March 21, 2024, Gess completed departmental firearms qualification with a patrol rifle, shotgun, and handgun. The records do not include specific information as to the make, model, or serial number of the weapons.

On October 18, 2024, Gess completed SWAT/ASORT (Allied Special Operations Response Team) firearms qualifications with an assault rifle, submachine gun, shotgun, and handgun. The records do not include specific information as to the make, model, or serial number of the weapons.

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy/Commission Records

In addition to the records received from the MPD, SA Lieber also obtained the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) and Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) records pertaining to Sergeant Gess. The OPOTA/OPOTC records indicated the following:

1. Basic Training

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Gess completed the Peace Officer Basic Training Academy at North Central State College (BAS10-101). Gess took the state certification exam on 07/13/2011.

### 2. Advanced Training

Gess completed the following OPOTA courses:

- Crisis Mitigation – An Ohio Model (10/14/2024)
- Responding to Mental Health Issues (08/03/2024)
- Arrest, Search, and Seizure 2023 (06/26/2023)
- Effective Communication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis (08/18/2022)
- Critical Thinking in Use of Force Situations (08/18/2022)
- Use of Deadly Force and Legal Guidelines (08/18/2022)
- Objective Reasonableness (08/11/2022)
- Mental Health Response (08/11/2022)
- BCI Lethal Use of Force and OIS Investigations (08/11/2022)
- Communication Disabilities (06/24/2022)
- Domestic Violence Legal Updates (06/16/2022)
- Judgmental Firearms Simulator (07/07 to 07/09/2015)
- Mobile Subject Control (05/15/2014)

Gess completed the following departmental training:

- Taser Recertification (10/20/2021)
- Select Fire Weapons Operator (11/15/2019)
- C.I.T. Refresher (09/11/2019)
- Use of Force/ Firearm Safety (05/22/2019)
- O.C. Recertification (05/22/2019)
- Lethality Assessment Program (01/30/2019)
- RAIDER Training/ Stop the bleeding (08/15/2018)
- Practical Application of Force – Team Chitwood (09/30/2017)
- Crisis De-escalation When Dealing with the Mentally Ill (03/02/2016)
- Simunition Firearms, Room/Building Clearing, RAIDER, Decision Making (08/19/2015)
- Defensive Tactics/ Subject Control (01/21/2015)

It should be noted that the above-listed courses are not a complete list. Only those courses deemed to be the most relevant were noted above.

### 3. Employment History

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Gess was appointed full-time by the Mansfield Police Department on 08/14/2013. Previously, Gess worked for the Butler Police Department from 01/04/2011 to 08/13/2013.

**4. Current Peace Officer Status**

Based on the records received, it is noted that Sergeant Gess was a duly certified and sworn Ohio Peace Officer at the time of this incident.

The personnel and training documents received from the MPD and OPOTA/OPOTC were added to the case file as reference item D. Please refer to the attachments for further details.

**References:**

Portable Hard Drive - Item D - Personnel files and training records

**Attachments:**

None

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