

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



2024-3862 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 234 Mansfield Avenue, Shelby, Ohio 44875, Richland County

Investigative Activity:	Review Involved Officer Personnel File
Involves:	Sergeant Noah Kocher (S)
Activity Date:	12/16/2024
Activity Location:	4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio, 44286
Authoring Agent:	SA John P. Tingley

Narrative:

On Monday, December 16, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (SA Tingley) received the personnel file for Sergeant Noah Kocher from the Shelby Police Department (SPD) Chief Lance Combs. SA Tingley reviewed the personnel file and noted the following:

Personnel File:

Sergeant Kocher was hired by the SPD as a full-time Officer on August 13, 2023. Sergeant Kocher's previous law enforcement work experience is documented in the table below.

Shelby Police Department	Full-Time	08/13/2023	Present
Shelby Police Department	Auxiliary	11/01/2022	08/13/2023
Shelby Police Department	Full-Time	07/04/2021	11/01/2022
Elmore Police Department	Part-Time	09/30/2020	07/12/2021

Basic Training:

Sergeant Kocher attended and successfully completed the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Basic Training class BAS19-078 at the EHOVE Police Academy. Sergeant Kocher also took and passed the OPOTA certification examination on March 12, 2020, and was issued Peace Officer Certificate 201001 by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission.

Current Peace Officer Status:

Based on the records received and reviewed from OPOTA, it is noted that Sergeant Kocher was a duly sworn and certified Ohio Peace Officer at the time of the officer involved critical incident.

Training File:

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Sergeant Kocher has completed a number of advanced training classes. Some of those classes include:

- Vicarious Trauma
- Arrest, Search, and Seizure
- Crisis Intervention
- Responding to Mental Health Issues
- Legal Updates
- Crisis Mitigation
- Victim's Rights Marsey's Law
- Ohio Public Records Law
- Use of Body Worn Cameras
- Direct and Circumstantial Evidence
- Report Writing
- Communication Disabilities
- Critical Thinking in Use of Force Situations
- Objective Reasonableness
- Qualified Immunity
- Vehicle Inventory
- Use of Deadly Force and Legal Guidelines
- Ethics and Professionalism
- Community Diversity and Procedural Justice

Firearms Qualifications:

On November 9, 2024, Sergeant Kocher qualified on the following weapon: Sig P320 (no serial number listed). The Sig P320 was the weapon used in the officer-involved critical incident.

Disciplinary Records:

Sergeant Kocher had no discipline related to the use of force.

The OPOTA Polaris report, personnel file, and qualification records are attached to this report. Please refer to the attachments and listed reference item for further details.

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References:

Ref Item B - Kochler Personnel File

Attachments:

- 1. 2024-3862 KOCHLER QUAL RECORDS
- 2. 2024-3862 KOCHLER OPOTA POLARIS REPORT

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Tested by: SGT. T. SCOTT REQ#: 08651 Exp: 5/26/27

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Date Completed 11/30/2024 11/30/2024 11/30/2024	Course Title Dementia and Related Disorders Arrest, Search, and Seizure 2023 Crisis Intervention
11/30/2024 11/28/2024	Crisis Intervention OHLEG LIMS Prelog Training
11/28/2024	Crime Gun Evidence
11/24/2024	Veterans In Crisis
11/24/2024	Responding to Mental Health Issues
11/23/2024	NIBIN Overview
11/17/2024	Legal Updates 2024
11/17/2024	Crisis Mitigation - An Ohio Model
11/8/2024	Victims' Rights - Marsy's Law
10/19/2024	Public Records - 2024
9/5/2024	Crisis Mitigation - An Ohio Model
11/7/2023	Search Warrant Preparation
11/7/2023	Missing Children Investigation
11/7/2023	Missing Persons
11/7/2023	Use of Body-Worn Cameras
11/7/2023	Ohio Public Records Law
10/30/2023	National Center for Missing & Exploited Children – Harnessing Resources Seminar
10/6/2023	First Amendment Auditing
10/6/2023	Concealed Firearm Carry Changes
10/6/2023	Medical Marijuana
10/6/2023	Drafting Search Warrants
10/6/2023	Direct and Circumstantial Evidence

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	Responding to Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention
	Biological Evidence Collection for Sexual Assaults
	Mental Health Response
	Vicarious Trauma
	Officer Wellness Seminar
	Ethics and Professionalism
	Ohio Forfeiture Laws
5/27/2022	Ohio Public Records Law
5/27/2022	New and Updated Criminal Charges
5/19/2022	Use of Restraints
5/19/2022	Medical Marijuana
5/19/2022	Hazing
5/19/2022	Hate Crimes
5/19/2022	Custodial Interrogation
5/19/2022	Concealed Firearm Carry Changes

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Date Completed	Course Title Concealed Firearm Carry Changes	Officer Number	Officer Kocher Noah Fli
5/19/2022	Concealed Firearm Carry Changes		Kocher
5/6/2022	Domestic Violence Legal Updates		Kocher, Noah Eli
4/29/2022	Impacting Narcotics in Ohio		Kocher, Noah Eli
4/29/2022	Ethics and Professionalism		Kocher, Noah Eli
4/29/2022	Community Diversity and Procedural Justice		Kocher, Noah Eli
9/21/2021	Trauma and the Brain		Kocher, Noah Eli
9/21/2021	Ohio Forfeiture Laws		Kocher, Noah Eli
9/21/2021	Medical Marijuana		Kocher, Noah Eli
9/16/2021	Direct and Circumstantial Evidence		Kocher, Noah Eli
9/16/2021	Social Media Precautions		Kocher, Noah Eli
9/16/2021	Testifying in Court		Kocher, Noah Eli
9/15/2021	Preserving Cellphone Evidence		Kocher, Noah Eli
9/15/2021	Vehicle Inventory		Kocher, Noah Eli
9/15/2021	Sexual Assault Investigations		Kocher, Noah Eli
9/15/2021	Roadside Questioning		Kocher, Noah Eli
4/27/2021	Disability Training for First Responders		Kocher, Noah Eli
12/29/2020	Ohio's Child Passenger Safety Law		Kocher, Noah Eli
12/29/2020	Domestic Violence with Lethality Factors		Kocher, Noah Eli
12/28/2020	Trooper Coates Killer Interview		Kocher, Noah Eli
12/26/2020	Trooper Coates Murder		Kocher, Noah Eli
12/26/2020	Darrel Lunsford Murder		Kocher, Noah Eli
12/26/2020	Trooper Vetter Murder		Kocher, Noah Eli
12/26/2020	The Timothy McVeigh Stop		Kocher, Noah Eli
12/26/2020	Kehoe Brothers Shootout		Kocher, Noah Eli

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12/3/2020	Communication Disability Law Training		Kocher, Noah Eli	H
12/3/2020	Animal Encounters		Kocher, Noah Eli	H
12/3/2020	West Memphis Arkansas Stop	-	Kocher, Noah Eli	
12/2/2020	Awareness of Human Trafficking		Kocher, Noah Eli	
12/2/2020	Operating a Vehicle Impaired (OVI) Statutory Review		Kocher, Noah Eli	
10/2/2020	Narcan eLearning Course		Kocher, Noah Eli	H
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