



# Ohio Attorney General's **Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy**

**Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

## [Managing Internal Use-of-Force Investigations](#)

Officers who take this course will receive the information they need to conduct internal investigations accurately and transparently.

[The Scenario Village: Internal Investigations of Use of Force](#) course will offer a blend of classroom time discussing legal considerations and training time investigating actual incidents using OPOTA's 180-degree use-of-force simulator. Our trained investigators will assist participants with maintaining reasonable and consistent use of force when it is necessary.

This course will be offered three times in 2018:

March 21-22  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

May 23-24  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Oct. 10-11  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA London  
1650 State Route 56 SW  
London, OH 43140  
Cost: \$230

## [Developing Surveillance Photography Skills](#)

Is it possible to capture identifiable photos of suspects at more than a quarter mile away using only an entry-level photo kit? Can photographers have enough control of the camera to shoot photos at night without using the flash? Instructors with the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy's (OPOTA) new [Surveillance Photography](#) course will teach students how to produce clear, useful photos.

This four-day class includes field work, including two night exercises. The course will review and teach different techniques than those used in crime scene photography. Participants will learn proper control of focus modes, shutter speed, aperture, depth of field, camera stabilization methods, and other camera settings in stationary and moving operations. (Hidden or remote camera installations are not covered.) Instructors will teach via lecture, demonstration, and practical exercises. Although photography experience is helpful, instructors will review basic fundamentals of camera operation and photographic methods.

## Equipment Needed

- A digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) camera with telephoto lens
- Camera battery charger
- Memory cards
- Outside field work is required, so appropriate clothing is recommended. (Some OPOTA equipment is available, if students are unable to bring their own.)

**NOTE:** The second and third days of the course will be held from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. to work on low-light exercises.

OPOTA Main Campus  
1650 State Route 56 SW  
London, OH 43140  
March 5-8, 2018  
Cost: \$560

OPOTA Richfield  
4055 Highlander Parkway  
Richfield, OH 44268  
October 9-12, 2018  
Cost: \$500

## [Upcoming Courses on Using 'Drones'](#)

As more small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS), commonly called “drones,” are used as tools in public safety efforts, OPOTA plans to offer more training with this new technology.

Among the courses in development:

- Implementing a sUAS/Drone Program in Your Agency
- Investigating sUAS/Drone Complaints
- Basic Flying
- sUAS/Drones as a Tool for Instructors

Some courses will be offered at both London and Richfield facilities. Others may only be offered in London because of logistics and airspace issues.

For more information, visit the [OPOTA Online Course Catalog](#).

## [Recognizing and Responding to Methamphetamine Operations](#)

Methamphetamine operations are dangerous to the public, law enforcement, and other first responders who encounter them in the line of duty.

[The Peace Officer Basic Training Drug Awareness and Meth](#) course will equip officers with skills to recognize the signs of a potential operation and teach specific response protocols to use when

encountering these dangerous substances. Participants will learn about the physiological effects of the drug, drug-endangered children, the primary methods of manufacturing encountered in Ohio, the four-step process of manufacture, and how to identify precursor chemicals. (Improvised chemicals will also be covered.)

In addition, the course will include discussions about the roles of child welfare workers and others who might encounter clandestine drug labs. Participants will also receive contact information for qualified experts to assist them in cleanup operations.

**NOTE:** This four-hour training satisfies the requirement to teach the Drug Awareness section for the OPOTA Basic Police Academy.

This course will be offered at the London and Richfield campuses on the following dates:

April 24, 2018  
8 a.m. to Noon  
OPOTA Main Campus  
1650 State Route 56 SW  
London, OH 43140  
Cost: \$50

Oct. 9, 2018  
8 a.m. – Noon  
OPOTA Richfield  
4055 Highlander Parkway  
Richfield, OH 44268  
Cost: \$50

### [Did You Know?](#)

“Did you know” that Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section [108.804](#) requires all chiefs appointed after Jan. 1, 2018, to attend new chief training within six months? OPOTA has expanded its management courses to include the [New Chiefs Training](#). In addition to leadership topics, the course covers Ohio-specific agency requirements. Participants will also create an operational plan specific to their agency. The course is also open to tenured chiefs or command-level staff not required to meet the new mandate.