

Ohio Attorney General's
Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy
Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers



OPOTA Newsletter
February 2020

Now Accepting Workshop Proposals for AG's Law Enforcement Conference

The Ohio Attorney General's Office is now accepting workshop proposals for the 2020 Law Enforcement Conference, set for Sept. 14-15 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

This year, the conference is accepting workshop proposals with an emphasis in the areas of Officer Wellness (e.g., Surviving Burnout, Financial Health, Substance Abuse/Mental Health) and Investigations. Proposals outside of these two topics also will be considered.

All 12 workshops will be presented on the first day of the conference, Monday, Sept. 14, and must be 1.5 hours in length. A minimum of two presenters is preferred in each workshop. All proposals must be completed and submitted by March 16 and adhere to the [guidelines available by clicking here](#).

A workshop submission does not guarantee a place on the program. Staff of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and the Attorney General's Office will evaluate all proposals. Presenters will then be notified electronically of final acceptance by May 1.

Chosen workshop presenters will be required to submit their entire workshop presentation (Outline, PowerPoint, etc.) by July 24 for review by the OPOTA Training Committee to ensure they are being presented with current training philosophies and updated content.

Only necessary hotel accommodations will be provided, and all workshop presenters are required to volunteer their time.

[Proposal forms are available by clicking here](#). Please mail your proposals to Kim Hahn, Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, P.O. Box 309, London, Ohio 43140, or e-mail Kim.Hahn@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov. Incomplete and unsigned proposals may not be considered.

OPOTA Invites Public Comment During Accreditation Assessment

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) will undergo a three-day, on-site evaluation beginning on Feb. 17 to ensure compliance with the [Public Safety Training Academy Accreditation Program](#).

A team from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) will conduct the assessment, which includes a public comment period on Feb. 18.

To maintain its accreditation status, OPOTA must comply with 159 professional standards. While on campus, the assessors will review agency policies and practices, interview personnel and observe training classes.

As part of the assessment, employees and the general public are invited to offer comments regarding OPOTA by calling 800-346-7682 or 740-845-2650 from 1-3 p.m. on Feb. 18. Comments are limited to 10 minutes and must directly address OPOTA's ability to comply with [CALEA standards](#).

The CALEA assessment team is composed of public safety practitioners from agencies out of state. OPOTA was originally accredited by CALEA in July 2004. All CALEA accredited agencies are reassessed every four years.

Overcome Language Barriers with 'Survival Spanish' Course

When:

March 11-12, 2020

Oct. 14-15, 2020

Where:

OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, OH 44286

Instructor:

Isabel Framer - Language Access Consultants, LLC

Course information: Oftentimes, field officers do not have time to wait for an interpreter and must respond immediately to: 1) ensure safety for themselves and the safety of civilians, 2) maintain immediate control and order of a situation, 3) identify and pursue a suspect, 4) use dynamic entry during a search, and 5) provide general instructions.

This two-day workshop on "Basic Survival Spanish" will provide law enforcement with basic terminology to give commands, obtain general information and respond to immediate emergency situations while waiting for an interpreter to arrive at the scene or via telephone services.

Registration link: [Click here to register](#)

Gracie University to Hold Instructor Certification Course at OPOTA

OPOTA is scheduled to host Gracie University from March 9-13 in London for a Gracie Survival Tactics (GST) Level 2 Instructor Certification Course.

The course builds upon what you learned in the GST Level 1 course. Some of the techniques and scenarios featured in the GST Level 2 program address close-quarters combat strategies for domestic calls, two-officer takedowns and handcuffing, edged weapon defense, weapon retention, attack responses from behind, submission encounters and vehicle extractions.

The GST Level 2 Instructor Certification Course is a 30-hour, hands-on course that takes place over five consecutive days. Upon completion, course applicants are certified to teach the GST program to their colleagues using the Gracie Systems. The techniques are designed to be effective for any law enforcement professional, regardless of age, size or athletic ability.

This is not an OPOTA course. Students must register on [Gracie University's website](#). Due to this not being an OPOTA course, meals are NOT included in the tuition price. Students may buy lunch for \$7.25 (cash only). Lodging is available for \$15 per night and can be arranged by calling 740-845-2700. There are also hotels in the area. Please email questions to Aja Chung at Aja.Chung@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

New 'Data Driven Pistol' Course Aims to Boost Shooting Speed

When:

Morning and afternoon classes available from March 24-26, 2020

Where:

Cuyahoga Falls Indoor Range
3497 Wyoga Lake Rd.
Stow, OH 44224

Instructor:

Joseph Sidoti

Course information: This new, four-hour course uses small class sizes and detailed feedback to improve shooting speed while maintaining acceptable accuracy. The emphasis is on achieving speed and subconscious competence by using the most modern coaching methods currently in use by high level athletes.

Data Driven Pistol is designed for any skill level and can be taken more than once. Officers may use their patrol rig, tactical rig or work from concealment (only one set-up per four-hour session.) Come as you carry and be prepared to find your shooting limits.

Registration link: [Click here to register](#)

Register Now for March 'Hostage Negotiations - Basic' Training

When:

March 2-6, 2020

Where:

OPOTA Richfield
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH 44286

Instructor:

Daniel Pastor

Course information: This course provides students with basic skills to manage all facets of crisis, hostage and barricade situations. Topics include history, philosophy, practical hostage techniques, mental health negotiations, scene management and containment. Students participate in multiple negotiation scenarios during the week and on the final day.

Registration link: [Click here to register](#)