



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

July 2018

Best Practices for Managing an Evidence Room

Is your evidence room bursting at the seams? Do you have property you don't know what to do with? The Evidence Room Management course will address policies, procedures, and internal controls for managing evidence rooms.

The course is designed for personnel who are assigned to supervise, manage, or work in their agency's evidence room. It will address policies and procedures, packaging, storage, common problems in evidence rooms, purging and disposition, and internal controls.

Also covered will be best practices for the management of evidence rooms based on professional standards suggested by the International Association of Property and Evidence. Students will receive a copy of the textbook *Property and Evidence by the Book, 2nd Edition* as part of the class tuition.

NOTE: Students should bring a copy of their evidence room policy. Since course material will be provided on a USB flash drive, students should also bring a laptop or electronic device capable of reading one. A limited number of OPOTA laptops are available for students to borrow.

London class:

Nov. 19 - 20, 2018

OPOTA London

1650 State Route 56 SW

London, Ohio 43140

Cost: \$240

Richfield classes:

July 26 - 27, 2018

OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, Ohio 44268

Cost: \$240

Nov. 7 - 8, 2018
OPOTA Richfield
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, Ohio 44268
Cost \$240

Additional details and other course offerings are available in the OPOTA [course catalog](#).

Stay Current on Use-of-Force Issues

Law enforcement officers often have only seconds to decide whether to use force, what type of force to use, and how much. A decision made in seconds can have an impact that will last years. And the force used can have repercussions on the suspect, the officer, the department, and the community. Even if the officer's force is later determined to be reasonable by the department, the officer may face civil liability in state or federal court.

The Use of Force: Liability and Standards class is designed to educate officers on legal standards for using force. During the morning session, officers will learn about cases that courts use to guide their decisions on whether an officer's use of force is constitutional. In the afternoon, students will have a chance to put their learning to practical use. Each student will run through several scenarios with a state-of-the-art use-of-force simulator. Afterward, students will discuss their use of force with instructors and colleagues.

London class:

Aug. 6, 2018
OPOTA London
1650 State Route 56 SW
London, Ohio 43140
Cost: \$115

Richfield class:

Nov. 30, 2018
OPOTA Richfield
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, Ohio 44268
Cost: \$100

Additional details and other legal course offerings are available in the OPOTA [course catalog](#).

Investigating Complaints About Drones

As unmanned aircraft systems, commonly called drones, become more popular among hobbyists and commercial operators, this course will help law enforcement handle complaints about drones and understand laws that may apply.

The course — Investigating Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS)/Drone Complaints — will cover a variety of topics, including how to handle a complaint about a drone; the differences between drone hobbyists and commercial operators; federal regulations regarding careless, reckless, or hazardous operation; “No Drone Zones,” and related Ohio laws. Participants will learn how to find potential evidence on a drone and receive contact information for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

NOTE: Only law enforcement officers, prosecutors, law directors, legal advisers, and judges may attend this course.

London course:

July 25, 2018

OPOTA London

1650 State Route 56 SW

London, Ohio 43140

Cost: \$135

Richfield courses:

July 16, 2018

OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, Ohio 44268

Cost: \$120

Sept. 26, 2018

OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, Ohio 44268

Cost: \$120

Additional details and other courses about unmanned aircraft systems are available on the OPOTA [course catalog](#).

New School Safety Efforts

In June, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced increased efforts by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to aid educators and law enforcement in preparing for and reacting to a potentially violent school incident.

As part of [the new efforts](#), BCI is offering use of its drones to take free aerial photographs of school buildings for inclusion in school safety plans. Local law enforcement, in coordination with school administrators, can request that BCI agents take aerial photographs of schools in their area by calling 855-BCI-OHIO (224-6446). BCI will upload the photos to the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) to be included with school safety plans.

Attorney General DeWine also released a new video series produced by OPOTA called “Active Shooter Response: An Educator’s Guide,” which provides guidance on how educators and law enforcement can work together to prepare for and react to a violent school incident, such as a school shooting. It includes videos about coded language, calling 911, and other topics.

Available at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/SchoolSafety, the videos are designed to be accessed at a time that’s convenient for the viewer and used as conversation starters as schools prepare for the new school year.

Did You Know?

Since opening the law enforcement training village on the main campus, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy is offering new courses specifically designed around the village and training in a realistic environment. While many courses incorporate the village, you can identify the [scenario village series](#) by course names that begin with “Scenario Village.”