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Ohio Attorney General's Office

Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Academy



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Dear Law Enforcement Colleagues and Fellow Ohioans,

As Ohio's Attorney General, helping law enforcement officers across the state prepare for the many challenging responsibilities and dangerous situations they face on the job is a priority of my office.

From setting minimum class attendance to training facility requirements, or setting qualifications for instructors to the certification of canine units, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Academy work to help that Ohio's law enforcement personnel are informed and well trained.

In fiscal year 2014, new basic training curricula continued to be released. These included lesson plans covering 85 topics and 540 training hours. Professionally produced training videos were added to several basic training courses. More videos for additional courses are being considered as yet another way to enhance training for the men and women who protect us.

Funding enabled the commission to set a minimum number of hours for Continuing Professional Training in 2014, including training related to crimes against families, and offer reimbursement to appointing authorities for at least part of the cost of the training. In fact, the academy provided many free and reduced-cost course offerings to help Ohio law enforcement refresh and enhance their knowledge and skills.

These are just a few of the accomplishments the academy and commission realized in fiscal year 2014. Please feel free to share your comments or suggestions with Mary Davis, executive director of the commission and academy, at 740-845-2700 or Mary.Davis@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine
Ohio Attorney General

Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission Overview

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) advises the Attorney General and provides direction to the executive director on training, eligibility, and service standards for Ohio law enforcement and other public safety professionals. The commission's ultimate goal is to ensure the highest level of safety for the citizens of Ohio.

OPOTC has worked to improve the professional capabilities of Ohio's law enforcement and public safety professionals since 1965. With the assistance of 65 dedicated employees and the executive director, the commission's nine members play a pivotal role in helping the Ohio Attorney General shape training and compliance standards for more than 33,650 peace officers and their 954 respective agencies.

The commission is also responsible for academic policies and professional standards for tens of thousands of corrections officers, bailiffs, jailers, private security officers, adult parole officers, probation officers, humane agents, public defender investigators, and law enforcement canine units.

Commission members are appointed by the governor and approved by the Ohio Senate. The Ohio Attorney General provides administrative oversight for the commission.

To fulfill its statutory responsibility and improve law enforcement training in Ohio, the commission's role is to recommend:

- Rules for approving peace officer, private security, humane agent, jailer, corrections, public defender investigator, bailiff, canine, and firearms training and certification
- The curricula, minimum attendance, equipment, and facility requirements necessary for approval of training programs
- Minimum qualifications required for instructors at approved training sites
- Categories or classifications of advanced in-service training programs for peace officers
- Minimum requirements for the certification of canine units utilized by law enforcement agencies

The commission also is authorized to:

- Recommend studies, surveys, and reports designed to evaluate its own effectiveness
- Visit and inspect Ohio peace officer training schools
- Establish fees for commission services
- Make recommendations to the Attorney General or General Assembly on the commission's statutory responsibilities

Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission Members*

Sheriff Vernon Stanforth, OPOTC chair
Fayette County Sheriff's Office
Washington Court House, Ohio

Special Agent in Charge Stephen Anthony
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Cleveland, Ohio

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Hancock County Sheriff's Office
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Chief David Wiseman
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London, Ohio

* Membership as of June 30, 2014

Basic Training Programs

Topic	Ohio Administrative Code	Hours Required*
Peace Officer Basic Training	109:2-01	585
Peace Officer Refresher Training	109:2-01	16
Private Security Basic Training	109:2-03	
A. Academic Portion Only		149
B. Revolver		20
C. Semi-Auto		20
D. Shotgun		5
Bailiff/Deputy Bailiff Basic Training	109:2-05	40
State Public Defender Criminal Investigator Basic Training	109:2-06	40
Canine Unit and Evaluator Basic Training	109:2-07	
A. Canine Evaluator, Core		25
B. Canine Evaluator, Special Purpose		38
C. Canine Evaluator, Patrol-Related		34
Corrections Officer Basic Training	109:2-09	158
Jailer Basic Training	109:2-11	
A. Jailer, 12-Day Facility		48
B. Contact Training, 12-Day Facility		16
C. Sworn Officer, 12-Day Facility		8
D. Jailer, 12-Hour Facility		16
Firearms Requalification	109:2-13	N/A
Humane Agent Basic Training	109:2-15	24

***Hours subject to change with program revisions**

Commission Highlights

Updating basic training curricula

OPOTC and its staff continued to evaluate, revise, and implement numerous topics within basic training programs in fiscal year 2014. The revisions are being guided by a Job Task Analysis that drew feedback from more than 2,300 officers and 1,000 front-line supervisors from more than 800 Ohio law enforcement agencies.

Effective July 1, 2013, and Jan. 1, 2014, two sets of curricula were released, encompassing changes within the peace officer basic training program, refresher, private security, and corrections training programs. Lesson plans covering 85 topics and 540 training hours were released to the field.

As review of the curricula continues, the commission remains committed to providing current, pertinent, and industry best-practice material to basic academy students while incorporating instructional techniques that reflect the most effective adult-learning theories.

New additions to basic training

Video scenarios that have been professionally filmed and edited have been added to several basic training courses. These training videos were implemented for peace officer basic training in the uniform traffic ticket topic and corrections basic training in the crisis intervention and suicide prevention topic. As basic programs are revised, the benefits of videos are being considered for each topic. The implementation of the videos will give the training a real-life perspective for the students as they are specifically designed to match the performance objectives.

Providing resources electronically

The commission provides many of its resources electronically to allow agencies greater access to services and information.

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) offers online registration for its regional and on-campus courses, allowing officers to search and register for courses through the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) at **www.OHLEG.org**. Designated agency approvers receive an e-mail alerting them to training requests. Once approved, the officer and approver receive email confirmation. Approvers also can register officers for courses and view their officers' OPOTA training history to enhance agency training records. Agencies can activate their online registration account by sending an email to **OPOTARegistration@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov**.

The OPOTA Course Catalog at **www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTACourses** lists classes available around the state and at the London and Richfield OPOTA campuses. Users can search by subject matter for full details of available classes.

Peace officers throughout Ohio can access the academy's online courses 24/7 through eOPOTA, which is available on OHLEG. Some courses of general interest – such as a series of classes on human trafficking – also are offered to the public via the Ohio Attorney General's website at **www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov**. The peace officer basic training, refresher training, private security academic curricula, and instructional resources have also been placed on OHLEG to provide easy access for commanders and instructors.

The commission also offers an electronic Law Enforcement Directory, which provides contact information for Ohio police chiefs and sheriffs and links to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, state agencies, and correctional facilities. The directory can be found at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/LawEnforcementDirectory. Law enforcement officers throughout the state can update their contact information at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTAUpdate to ensure they receive electronic communications from the academy and commission.

Law enforcement officers and administrators also can email OPOTA with general, certification, or training questions (askOPOTA@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov); to register for or seek information on courses (OPOTARegistration@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov); and to transmit agency changes of officer status or new appointments (SF400@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov).

Continuing Professional Training for Peace Officers and Troopers

Following a four-year break without Continuing Professional Training (CPT) requirements for peace officers and troopers, funds from Ohio's new casino fees permitted OPOTC to consider CPT opportunities for 2014. In September 2013, OPOTC unanimously voted to set four hours of CPT as the required minimum number of hours for 2014. For public appointing authorities to be eligible for reimbursement of training costs in the amount of \$20 per hour: 1) one hour of CPT needed to include critical subject training related to crimes against families; 2) the remaining three hours, which could have related to any general law enforcement topic, had to be completed; and 3) the public appointing authority had to be in compliance with the annual roster reporting requirements required by law.

OPOTA provided many free and reduced-cost course offerings to assist Ohio's officers in meeting their training requirement. Along with numerous eOPOTA courses developed over the past few years, a new course, *Finding Words*, was developed and made available to fulfill the one hour crimes against families training requirement. Existing eOPOTA courses, such as *Law Enforcement Officer Response to People With Autism*, *Fraud Against Seniors*, *Financial Exploitation of Seniors*, and *Death Notification* could also be used to satisfy the critical subject training if not previously used for legislative mandates.

As in previous years, CPT is any training the agency administrator deemed is directly related to the duties and responsibilities of a peace officer or trooper. The training must meet the requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code, serve a recognized law enforcement purpose, and have significant intellectual or practical content, with the primary objective being to improve a participant's professional competence as a peace officer or trooper.

Supporting local drug education programs

The Attorney General's Drug Use Prevention Grant Program supports the salaries of peace officers who offer drug use prevention education in Ohio public schools. The 2013-14 program allowed 288 Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officers and school resource officers to reach nearly 394,000 students statewide with drug use prevention education, including over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription (RX) drug abuse messaging.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office awarded \$2.9 million to 153 Ohio law enforcement agencies through the 2014-15 Drug Use Prevention Grant program. The total included four new applicants.

The program also provided DARE workbooks and OTC/RX pamphlets to officers at no cost and supported the School Resource Officer Basic Training Program. In addition, during the funding cycle of Sept. 1, 2013, through Aug. 31, 2014, a total of 130 officers were trained as new school resource officers at the OPOTA London and Richfield campuses.

Administrative Action Overview

State certification	3,485
Academies opened	652
Academies closed	638
Canine certification/unit examinations approved	269
Canine certification/unit examinations completed	243
Certificates issued	7,207
Open enrollment letters issued	1,178
Instructor certificates issued	1,840
Peace officers decertified	22
Canine unit certifications	715
Firearms requalification instructor certificates processed	1,039
Prior equivalency training determinations	56
Update training determinations	4,744

Ohio Peace Officer Profile

Ohio agencies commissioned 33,939 peace officers in fiscal year 2014. Below is a breakdown by agency type and appointment status:

Full-Time Peace Officers:	23,732
Sheriffs' Offices	5,352
Police Agencies	18,380
Part-Time Peace Officers:	3,537
Sheriffs' Offices	268
Police Agencies	3,269
Special Appointments:	2,845
Sheriffs' Offices:	2,638
Police Agencies:	207
Auxiliary Peace Officers:	2,021
Sheriffs' Offices:	310
Police Agencies:	1,711
Reserve Peace Officers:	1,751
Sheriffs' Offices:	902
Police Agencies:	849
Seasonal Peace Officers:	53
Total Ohio Peace Officers	33,939

Ohio's Concealed Carry Weapons Update

OPOTC maintains a database of statistics related to Ohio's concealed handguns law and issues an annual report highlighting the stats, which are reported quarterly by sheriffs in Ohio.

During fiscal year 2014, the sheriffs reported issuing 65,735 regular licenses, 43 temporary licenses, 56,897 license renewals, 1,291 license suspensions, 336 license revocations, 936 concealed carry license applicant denials, and 60 license process suspensions.

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Overview

OPOTA is recognized as a national leader in advanced training for law enforcement. Groundwork was laid for its establishment in 1970 when then-Gov. James Rhodes signed House Bill 1160, authorizing the OPOTC to launch its own training academy. The academy opened in 1976.

OPOTA utilizes the latest research and instructional methods to develop outstanding training programs that meet the needs of law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve. Courses are offered at the academy's main campus and Tactical Training Center, both in London, at a satellite campus in Richfield, through Mobile Academy and regional trainings throughout the state, and online through eOPOTA.

Courses cover a wide array of topics pertinent to today's law enforcement community – from latent fingerprint development, shooting reconstruction, and instructional skills to computer forensics, criminal investigation, and first-line supervision.

The academy is committed to:

- Providing outstanding instruction to the Ohio law enforcement community
- Promoting rapid student development through the use of superior training methods
- Continually upgrading course content by incorporating the latest research and recommended professional practices
- Stimulating inquiry and providing fresh perspectives within the law enforcement profession

Academy Highlights

Gold Standard Accreditation with Excellence

During fiscal year 2013, OPOTA became the first public safety training academy in the nation to achieve “Accreditation with Excellence” while participating in a Gold Standard Assessment administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), an internationally recognized credentialing body. CALEA’s teams conducted site visits to determine agencies’ compliance with standards, viewed facilities and records, and held a public information session. CALEA’s accreditation programs are designed to improve the delivery of public safety services and recognize professional excellence. This highly esteemed accreditation award recognizes OPOTA’s passion for excellence in providing our local law enforcement partners the highest level of service and training. The status demonstrates OPOTA’s success in the CALEA accreditation process and signifies its ability to serve as a model in addressing compliance, policy development, record maintenance, and other issues.

Mobile Academy Addition - Portable Training Facility

OPOTA has added Portable Training Facilities (PTF) to the Mobile Academy. A PTF is a series of vinyl and aluminum walls, doors, and windows that can be customized to simulate real-world situations police officers frequently face. OPOTA is currently using the PTF for advanced instruction on building searches for first responders. During the eight-hour class, instructors cover weapon handling skills, tactical decision making, and different techniques for building searches. By allowing officers a chance to refine and enhance their skills in a training environment, it increases their overall safety and the level of service they provide to their communities.

Online eOPOTA Courses

OPOTA also has continued to expand its free eOPOTA online courses, provided via secure Internet link through OHLEG at www.OHLEG.org. Eighty-seven courses were available at the close of fiscal year 2014, up from 83 the year before. Ohio law enforcement officers completed 45,109 course sessions.

Featured Advanced Training Courses

Below 100

The below 100 program is a national initiative to drastically reduce law enforcement line-of-duty deaths (LODDs) by instilling a culture of safety within agencies. The goal is to progressively reduce LODDs to fewer than 100 annually nationwide. The program specifically addresses the operational areas of law enforcement that contribute to the greatest number of preventable LODDs. These tenets are discussed: safety belt and vest use; slowing down while driving; concentrating on what is important now; and remembering that complacency kills. In January 2014, OPOTA brought the program to Ohio by hosting a trainer-of-trainers course so that individual officers could take the program back to their agencies. OPOTA also offered free regional course offerings around the state.

Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy

Procedural justice is the process used by police officers to treat citizens fairly and with proper respect. Legitimacy refers to when a citizen feels that a police officer should be deferred to, complied with, and trusted. The goal of procedural justice and police legitimacy is to strengthen a department's relationship with the community and ultimately improve officer safety and efficiency.

The course was developed through OPOTA's partnership with the Education and Training Division of the Chicago Police Department, with substantial support from Yale law professors.

Commission and Academy Financial Report

The fiscal year 2014 Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Academy budget was more than \$8 million.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Use and Purpose</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Attorney General Claims	Pays operating expenses, such as payroll, utilities, travel, and equipment.	\$4,520,635
Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy	Pays instructor payroll and guest instructor personal service contracts, funded mostly through tuition fees.	\$1,491,070
Law Enforcement Assistance	Pays Continuing Professional Training reimbursement requests.	\$0
General Reimbursement	Pays costs associated with Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference.	\$136,712
Private Security	Pays partial salaries for employees administering the private security program. Funding is generated from private security fees established by ORC 109.78.	\$48,971
Anti-Drug Abuse	Funding comes from grants managed by Commission staff.	\$142,115
Law Enforcement Technology, Training, and Facility Enhancements	Pays for facility-related enhancements.	\$103,544
Peace Officer Training Casino	Pays for newly developed law enforcement training courses.	\$1,507,166
Peace Officer Training Commission	Funding from the sale of forfeited property as a result of a criminal investigation.	\$119,985
Total		\$8,070,198

Drug Abuse Resistance Education Financial Report

Drug Abuse Resistance Education	Pays Drug Use Prevention Program grant awards and associated costs. Funding comes from driver's license reinstatement fees.	\$3,647.803
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Commission and Academy Statistics

State Certification Exam	
Peace officer basic students tested	1,893
Peace officer basic students tested – special accommodations	22
Peace officer basic students retested	318
Peace officer basic students retested – special accommodations	7
Peace officer refresher students tested	220
Peace officer refresher students tested – special accommodations	0
Peace officer refresher students retested	7
Peace officer refresher students retested – special accommodations	0
Corrections students tested	562
Corrections students tested – special accommodations	1
Corrections students retested	14
Corrections students retested – special accommodations	0
Jailer students tested	49
Jailer students retested	3
Private security students tested	348
Private security students tested – special accommodations	11
Private security students retested	27
Private security students retested – special accommodations	3
Total tests administered	3,485

Schools	
Peace officer basic schools opened	104
Peace officer refresher schools opened	12
Adult Parole Authority schools opened	8
Corrections schools opened	27
Jailer schools opened	6
Bailiff schools opened	5
Probation schools opened	27
Private security schools opened	463
Total schools opened	652
Peace officer basic schools closed	103
Peace officer refresher schools closed	12
Adult Parole Authority schools closed	7
Corrections schools closed	38
Jailer schools closed	1
Bailiff schools closed	5
Probation schools closed	27
Private security schools closed	445
Total schools closed	638
Peace officer basic open enrollment letters issued	1,178

Instructors	
Peace officer basic amendments	614
Corrections amendments	52
Jailer amendments	3
Bailiff amendments	0
Private security amendments	42
Total amendments	711
Peace officer basic renewals	307
Corrections renewals	33
Jailer renewals	0
Bailiff renewals	1
Private security renewals	43
Total renewals	384
Peace officer basic unit certifications	256
Corrections unit certifications	51
Jailer unit certifications	3
Bailiff unit certifications	0
Private security unit certifications	30
Total unit certifications	340
Peace officer basic special certifications	59
Corrections special certifications	44
Jailer special certifications	3
Bailiff special certifications	0
Private security special certifications	7
Total special certifications	113

Updates and prior equivalency evaluations	
Peace officer basic update determinations	4,744
Bailiff update determinations	0
Total update determinations	4,744
Peace officer basic prior equivalency determinations	40
Corrections basic prior equivalency determinations	7
Bailiff basic prior equivalency determinations	9
Total prior equivalency determinations	56

Decertifications /Revocations	
Commanders	2
Instructors	8
Peace Officers	22
Total decertifications/revocations	32

Suspensions	
Commanders	0
Instructors	1
Peace Officers	0
Total suspensions	1

Canine certification	
Unit examinations approved	269
Unit examinations completed	243
Unit special purpose certifications	404
Unit patrol-related certifications	311
Evaluator special purpose certifications	38
Evaluator patrol-related certifications	34

Firearms requalification	
Instructor requalification	295
Instructor amendments	152
Instructor renewals	592

OPOTA advanced training	
Courses	601
Students	15,011
Training days	1,643
Student training days	38,553
Video Conferences	0
Video Conference students	0

2014 Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

Perhaps the best way to understand the magnitude of commission and academy activities is to pay a visit to the Ohio Fallen Officers' Memorial Wall, located at OPOTA's London Campus.

Here, the names of 762 fallen Ohio peace officers killed in the line of duty since 1823 are etched in the Memorial's walls. They serve as a constant reminder of just how important training is to the brave men and women behind the badge.

The annual Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony is held the first Thursday in May to honor officers who gave their lives in the line of duty the year before.

The honoree in May 2014 was:

- Officer Jonathan R. Long of the Akron Police Department; End of Watch, August 15, 2013

The historical inductions for 2014 were:

- Patrolman Charles Miller of the Salem Police Department; End of Watch, April 8, 1908
- Deputy Rea C. Horlocker of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office; End of Watch, July 3, 1924
- Chief Deputy James F. Elliott of the Columbiana County Sheriff's Office; End of Watch, April 12, 1930
- Patrolman Edward D. Piller of the Salem Police Department; End of Watch, April 25, 1936
- Sheriff Fred Sperber of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office; End of Watch, December 31, 1942
- Constable Joseph Rigney of the Rome Township Police Department; End of Watch, July 29, 1952

2013 Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards

These individuals and groups received Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards at the Ohio Attorney General's 2013 Law Enforcement Conference to recognize their outstanding achievements and dedication:

Distinguished Law Enforcement Civilian Leadership Award

Danielle Smoot – Cole's Warriors

Danielle Smoot lost her 16-year-old son to a methadone overdose – the result of taking one pill. Setting aside her plans for nursing school, she founded Cole's Warriors, which quickly became Clark County's premier drug program and was recognized for working closely with law enforcement and saving lives.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Lifetime Achievement Award

Chief Rick W. Patterson, Fairfax Police Department

Recognized for dedicating his career to law enforcement and the people of Hamilton County from 1980 to his retirement in 2013, Chief Patterson has served in every capacity possible and always put his community first.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Community Service Award

Sergeant Thomas M. Aldrich, Jackson Police Department

Sergeant Aldrich was recognized for his outstanding and dedicated service to his community and serving the Jackson Police Department for 32 years. His commitment made their small town a better place.

Sergeant Donald Barrera, Highland County Sheriff's Office

Recognized for his countless hours on and off the job, volunteering as needed, and always being respectful, Sergeant Barrera is highly regarded within his community.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Training Award

Deputy David S. Fatheree, Summit County Sheriff's Office

Recognized for his ability to develop and present quality programming, Deputy Fatheree ensures that the curricula he teaches meet or exceed legal standards, requirements, and best practices. He has served the Summit County Sheriff's Office Training Bureau for more than 10 years.

Mark Losey Distinguished Law Enforcement Service Award

Deputy U.S. Marshal Dean G. Michael, U.S. Marshals Service

Deputy Michael was recognized for leading the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force's Youngstown Division since 2004. He supervised the team of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers responsible for tracking down and arresting the region's most violent fugitives.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award

Craigslist Serial Murder Investigation/Prosecution Team

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Assistant SAC Todd Wickerham
Special Agent Drew McConaghy
Special Agent Chris Garnett

Special Agent Jack Vickery
Special Agent Corey Collins

Akron Police Department

Lieutenant Terry Pasko

Noble County Sheriff's Office

Detective Sgt. Jason Mackle

Noble County Prosecutor's Office

Kelly Riddle

Summit County Prosecutor's Office

Jon Baumel

U.S. Marshals Service, Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force

State Parole Officer Jeffery M. Jones

Ohio Attorney General's Special Prosecution's Section

Emily Pelphey

Paul Scarsella

Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation

SAS Mark Kollar
Special Agent George "Ed" Staley
Criminal Int. Analyst Charles Thomas
Office Assistant Kris Patalita
Forensic Scientist Lynda Evelyth

SAC Dennis Sweet
Special Agent Stephen Burke
Computer For. Spec. Allan Buxton
Forensic Scientist Brittani Howard
Forensic Scientist Jonathan Gardner

The Craigslist Serial Murder Investigation/Prosecution team was recognized for its tenacity in uncovering, preparing for court, and prosecuting what appeared to be an isolated Noble County shooting to discovering a premeditated serial killing spree that produced headlines around the world and encompassed witnesses and evidence in numerous jurisdictions.

Career Criminal Unit, Columbus Division of Police

Detective Michael Malloy
Detective Michael Madry
Detective Fredrick Hannah
FBI Special Agent Rick Wozniak

Detective Jeremy Ehrenborg
Detective Brian Key
Sergeant Jerry Rudolph

The Career Criminal Unit was recognized for its hard work during an investigation which led to the indictment of 52 individuals for their part in a Florida-to-Ohio prescription drug scheme and the arrest of three men in a fatal shooting.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Meritorious Service Award

Franklin Township (Franklin County) Police Department

Officer Jason W. Huston

Officer Terry L. Taylor

Officer Robert E. Thomas

Members of the Franklin Township Police Department were honored for their quick actions in saving the lives of more than a dozen residents from a burning apartment complex.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Awards

Officer Steven D. Davis, Solon Police Department

Officer Davis was recognized for his valorous action during an OVI stop that turned into a deadly shootout. After Davis was shot in his protective vest, the suspect then turned to shoot another officer. Davis turned and fired through his cruiser's windshield, fatally wounding the subject.

Officer Brad A. Ditullio, Youngstown Police Department

Recognized for his heroic actions, Officer Ditullio protected the public from a dangerous turn of events and took a violent repeat offender off the streets after the offender hit him with his car and began dragging him. Ditullio commanded the suspect to stop, he fired his weapon, striking the suspect and bringing the situation to an end.

Officer Gregory V. Ivory, Springfield Police Division

A Springfield woman and her friend are safe today thanks to the heroic actions of Officer Ivory, who sustained a gunshot wound to his abdomen while providing protection during a domestic dispute.

Commission and Academy Staff Awards

Administration Recognition Award

The Administration Award goes to an employee who, through dedicated service, has served as a role model to others within the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, the Commission, and to the public. This employee reflects the commission and academy's core values of integrity, professionalism, cooperation, and commitment. The recipient of the 2013 Administration Recognition Award was Law Enforcement Training Officer James Burke.

Peer Award

The Peer Award is granted upon a vote of the employees of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Academy. The qualifications for this award are professionalism; skilled in job responsibilities; strong supporter of other staff members, teams, and the organization's mission; and is an excellent customer service provider. The 2013 Peer Award recipient was Law Enforcement Training Officer Daniel Boerner.



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