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OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING COMMISSION AND ACADEMY

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OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL





Dear Law Enforcement Colleagues and Fellow Ohioans,

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and Commission play an important role in protecting Ohio's families by ensuring that law enforcement officers are prepared for their work in communities throughout the state.

The commission (OPOTC) advises my office and provides direction to the executive director on training, eligibility, and service standards for law enforcement and other public safety professionals. The academy (OPOTA) uses the latest research and instructional methods to develop outstanding training programs to meet the needs of law enforcement professionals.

In 2014, my office appointed an advisory group to look at law enforcement training and make suggestions for improvement. In April 2015, the Advisory Group on Law Enforcement Training completed its report. The document offered recommendations regarding improving standards and included innovations to advance the law enforcement profession. In fiscal year 2017, OPOTC neared completion on fulfilling those recommendations.

Among the requests of the advisory group was a call for more scenario-based training to allow for the teaching of decision-making skills under stress. To meet this goal, in May 2017, a new training village was opened at OPOTA in London. It features an interactive simulation system that uses surround sound and high-definition projectors to bring training scenarios to life. In the village's "shoothouse," mats cover the walls and floors to make a safe place for combat with role players, while screens allow for the projection of scenarios. The village will ultimately include up to eight buildings.

During the past year, the commission also continued to evaluate and revise basic training programs and to increase access to services and information.

These are just a few of the accomplishments the academy and commission realized in fiscal year 2017. I invite you to read on to learn about other ways we worked to provide Ohio's law enforcement community with the best possible training and resources. 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 Ohio Attorney General and provides direction to the executive director on training, eligibility, and service standards for law enforcement and other public safety professionals in the state. 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 63 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 33,300 peace officers and their 952 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 K-9 units.

Commission members are appointed by the governor and approved by the Ohio Senate. The Ohio Attorney General provides administrative oversight for the commission. For the first time since its creation, the Commission membership was modified. Effective, September 29, 2017, a member representing a fraternal law enforcement organization was added to the regulatory body.

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, K-9, 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 K-9 units used by law enforcement agencies.

The commission is also authorized to:

- Recommend studies, surveys, and reports designed to evaluate its effectiveness.
- Visit and inspect Ohio schools for the training of peace officers, corrections officers, jailers, private security officers, bailiffs, probation officers, and parole officers.
- Establish fees for commission services.
- Make recommendations to the Attorney General or General Assembly on the commission's statutory responsibilities.
- Set the minimum required hours of annual continuing professional training (CPT) for peace officers and troopers.

Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission Members

Executive Director Mary E. Davis,
Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Academy,
London, Ohio

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

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

Chief Clayton Harris,
Cuyahoga Community College Police Department,
Cleveland, Ohio

Sheriff Michael Heldman,
Hancock County Sheriff's Office,
Findlay, Ohio

Chief Kimberley Jacobs,
Columbus Division of Police,
Columbus, Ohio

Dr. Reginald Wilkinson
Representative of the Public
Columbus, Ohio

Col. Paul Pride,
Superintendent, Ohio State Highway Patrol,
Columbus, Ohio

Deputy Attorney General Stephen Schumaker,
Ohio Attorney General's Office,
Columbus, Ohio

Dr. Emily Passias
Ohio Department of Education
Columbus, Ohio

Open Position (to be filled Sept. 2017)

Basic Training Programs

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Ohio Administrative Code</u>	<u>Hours Required *</u>
Peace Officer Basic Training	109:2-01	695
Peace Officer Refresher Training	109:2-01	16
Private Security Basic Training	109:2-03	
A. Academic Portion Only		124
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
K-9 Unit and Evaluator Basic Training	109:2-07	
A. K-9 Evaluator, Core		25
B. K-9 Evaluator, Special Purpose		38
C. K-9 Evaluator, Patrol-Related		34
Corrections Basic Training	109:2-09	145
Jailer Basic Training	109:2-11	
A. Jailer, 12-Day Facility		120
Firearms Requalification	109:2-13	N/A
Humane Agent Basic Training	109:2-15	26

*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 2017. 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, 2016, and Jan. 1, 2017, two sets of curricula were released, encompassing changes within the peace officer, peace officer refresher, private security, jailer, corrections, and humane agent basic training programs. Lesson plans covering 52 topics 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. These ongoing reviews resulted in slight increases in hours for private security, jailer, corrections, and humane agent basic training programs.

New additions to basic training

While no new topics were added to the curriculum during the year, our legal lesson plans underwent a major overhaul to decrease lecture time and significantly increase the amount of student-centered learning activities within the lesson plans. The revamped lesson plans added over 20 hours to peace officer basic training, helping to push the hours from 653 to 695. The commission also approved adding a new topic, Below 100, to peace officer basic training beginning in January 2018.

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 email alerting them to training requests. Once approved, the officer and approver receive an 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 for full details about 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 and a course on the opiate overdose-reversal medication Narcan – also are offered to the public via the Ohio Attorney General's website, **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 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/Law-Enforcement/Law-Enforcement-Directory**. 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

Funds from the biennium budget bill for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 permitted OPOTC to mandate Continuing Professional Training (CPT) for 2017. In September 2016, OPOTC unanimously voted to set 20 hours of CPT as the required minimum number of hours for 2017. For public appointing authorities to be eligible for reimbursement of training costs in the amount of \$20 per hour, six hours of CPT needed to include critical subject training related to trauma informed policing; four hours had to be on practical application of force; four hours had to focus on officer and community wellness (specifically, Procedural Justice, or Blue Courage courses); two hours had to cover legal update; the remaining four hours, which could relate to any general law enforcement topic, had to be completed; and the public appointing authority had to be in compliance with the annual roster reporting requirements required by law.

As in previous years, CPT was any training the agency administrator deemed as directly related to the duties and responsibilities of a peace officer or trooper. The training had to 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.

Administrative Action Overview

State certification exams	2,622
Schools opened (including K-9)	1,044
Schools closed (Including K-9)	960
Certificates issued	6,499
Instructor certificates issued	1,525
Peace officers decertified	40
Prior equivalency training determinations	73
Update training determinations	4,686

Ohio Peace Officer Profile

Ohio agencies commissioned 33,318 peace officers in fiscal year 2017. Below is a breakdown by agency type and appointment status:

Full-Time Peace Officers:	24,256
Sheriffs' Offices: 5,547	
Police Agencies: 18,709	
Part-Time Peace Officers:	3,314
Sheriffs' Offices: 322	
Police Agencies: 2,992	
Special Appointments:	2,636
Sheriffs' Offices: 2,405	
Police Agencies: 231	
Auxiliary Peace Officers:	1,609
Sheriffs' Offices: 273	
Police Agencies: 1,336	
Reserve Peace Officers:	1,464
Sheriffs' Offices: 787	
Police Agencies: 677	
Seasonal Peace Officers:	39
Total Ohio Peace Officers:	33,318

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 statistics, which are reported quarterly by sheriffs in Ohio.

During fiscal year 2017, the sheriffs reported issuing 93,396 regular licenses, 38 temporary licenses, 46,282 license renewals, 1,808 license suspensions, 634 license revocations, 1,434 concealed carry license applicant denials, and 83 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 OPOTC to launch its own training academy. The academy opened in 1976.

OPOTA uses 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, crisis intervention, 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

Growth in Courses – Completions

To provide greater accessibility to training, OPOTA provides courses not only at the London and Richfield campuses, but also at regional hubs, via mobile academies, online 24/7, and through live, interactive webcasts.

Officers completed 162,171 course sessions via live webcasts and online lessons presented through OPOTA last year, an almost 315 percent increase in “distance learning” since 2011. Meanwhile, 18,603 traditional courses were successfully completed at OPOTA campuses and regional locations across the state in 2016, up from 13,000 five years ago, an almost 28 percent increase.

Growth in Courses – Distance Learning

OPOTA's greatest upsurge in training has been in the category of “distance” learning, which includes classes taken via live webcasts and recorded sessions through eOPOTA at no charge to agencies.

In 2016, the academy provided 105 courses online through its free eOPOTA lineup, with more than 21,000 law enforcement officers completing 126,754 sessions, up from more than 8,400 officers completing 26,112 sessions in 2011.

OPOTA released eight new eOPOTA courses in January 2017 specifically to help fulfill Continuing Professional Training (CPT) requirements. Today, older online courses are being reviewed and updated for content and to allow for more self-guided study.

In order to bring a live classroom to officers in any place that has Web access, OPOTA began in January 2016 to offer courses via webcast. The format provides a user-friendly, interactive platform that enables OPOTA to present courses to up to 3,000 officers at a time. Last year, 27 live courses were provided via webcast free of charge, training 16,814 individuals.

Village adds realism to training

Law enforcement officers taking courses at the Attorney General's Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) in London have been sharpening their skills with the latest in scenario-based training since Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine in May unveiled the first phase of a law enforcement training village, complete with simulators and live role players.

The village will ultimately include up to eight buildings and incorporate existing and new structures. For the first phase of the village, an interactive use-of-force training system called the MILO Range Theater 180 was set up in a converted garage. The system uses surround sound and three high-definition projectors to illuminate a wraparound screen to bring training scenarios to life. The instructor controls the scenarios with a computer while a motion sensor and camera track the movement of the trainee, who is armed with laser weapons – including realistic-feeling handguns, pepper spray, stun guns, and flashlights. The trainee works through scenarios involving situations such as domestic disturbances, traffic stops, break-ins, and school threats.

Next door, an office building has been converted into a “shoothouse”. Mat-covered rooms enable live role players to participate in various scenarios and exercises that are projected on screens. An instructor watches and operates the simulations from inside a control room.

For the next phase of the project, an existing scenario house is being converted into a loft apartment with a single-screen firearm simulator on the second floor. Additional buildings are also being added to create a variety of training spaces with moveable walls. At least one of the structures will be two stories to help officers train on how to respond to incidents in buildings with multiple floors and interior stairwells. The multilevel structure will have a single-screen firearm simulator and an exterior platform.

For more information on OPOTA courses, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTACourses.

Online eOPOTA courses

OPOTA also has continued to expand its free eOPOTA online courses, provided via a secure Internet link through OHLEG. Over 110 courses were available at the close of fiscal year 2017. More than 23,109 Ohio law enforcement officers completed over 195,700 course sessions, setting an eOPOTA record.

Certified Crime Scene Investigator Certification

In 2017, OPOTA hosted opportunities for officers across the state to obtain their Certified Crime Scene Investigator certification; 19 officers from 13 different agencies completed the process and earned their certification.

In 2013 OPOTA began to update its Evidence Technician and Crime Scene Photography courses to more closely align with the curriculum created by the International Association for Identification (IAI). The OPOTA 80-hour Evidence Technician course, 40-hour Crime Scene Photography I, and 40-hour Crime Scene Photography II use college-level textbooks to prepare students for the Certified Crime Scene Investigator exam issued by the IAI.

The exam consists of 200 multiple choice questions that are covered in the following textbooks:

- *Practical Crime Scene Processing and Investigation* by Ross M Gardner
- *Crime Scene Photography* by Edward Robinson

Students also must have one year of crime scene processing experience, currently be assigned to crime scene-related activities, and complete a minimum of 48 hours of IAI approved instruction within the last five years.

While preparing to take their IAI exam, officers completed OPOTA's core classes toward their Master Evidence Technician Certification issued by OPOTA.

OPOTA also partnered with Forensic Pieces and Jan Johnson to provide an IAI test preparation class at no cost to officers who signed up to take the exam. All of the officers participated in the prep class. Many of these officers paid for their IAI membership and exam fee out of their own pocket. Each officer should be commended for their achievement; only 24 people in Ohio hold this certification.

OPOTA plans to host another IAI prep class in January 2018 for interested officers who want to take the Certified Crime Scene Investigator exam.

Commission and Academy Financial Report

In fiscal year 2017, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Academy expenditures totaled \$10.7 million.

Spending by Category	
Payroll, Overtime, Fringe, etc.	\$ 5,967,210
Purchased Personal Services and Contracts	\$ 772,101
Supplies and Maintenance	\$ 2,522,063
Equipment	\$ 684,405
Subsidy and Shared Revenue	\$ 5,611,090
Refunds	\$ 27,068
Total	\$ 15,583,937

Spending by Program Area	
Advanced Training	\$ 5,683,094
Certification and Standards	\$ 7,581,251
Education and Policy	\$ 760,573
Administration and Operations	\$ 1,559,019
Total	\$ 15,583,937

Commission and Academy Statistics

State Certification Exam	
Corrections Students Tested	521
Corrections Students Retested	30
Corrections Students Tested - Special Accommodations	1
Corrections Students Retested - Special Accommodations	0
Jailer Students Tested	0
Jailer Students Retested	0
Peace Officer Basic Students Tested	1,361
Peace Officer Basic Students Retested	137
Peace Officer Basic Students Tested - Special Accommodations	20
Peace Officer Basic Students Retested - Special Accommodations	9
Peace Officer Refresher Students Tested	184
Peace Officer Refresher Students Retested	12
Peace Officer Refresher Students Tested - Special Accommodations	0
Peace Officer Refresher Students Retested - Special Accommodations	0
Private Security Students Tested	260
Private Security Students Retested	66
Private Security Students Tested - Special Accommodations	17
Private Security Students Retested - Special Accommodations	4
Total Tests Administered	2,622

Peace officer basic open enrollment letters issued	980
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Instructors	
Peace officer basic amendments	417
Corrections amendments	58
Jailer amendments	0
Bailiff amendments	0
Private security amendments	33
Total amendments	508

Peace officer basic renewals	366
Corrections renewals	53
Jailer renewals	0
Bailiff renewals	0
Private security renewals	37
Total renewals	456

Peace officer basic unit certifications	294
Corrections unit certifications	57
Jailer unit certifications	0
Bailiff unit certifications	1
Private security unit certifications	51
Adult parole authority unit certifications	3
Total unit certifications	406

Peace officer basic special certifications	41
Corrections special certifications	45
Jailer special certifications	0
Bailiff special certifications	0
Private security special certifications	4
Total special certifications	90

Updates and Prior Equivalency Evaluations	
Peace officer basic update determinations	4,686
Bailiff update determinations	0
Total update determinations	4,686
Peace officer basic prior equivalency determinations	38
Corrections basic prior equivalency determinations	24
Bailiff basic prior equivalency determinations	11
Total prior equivalency determinations	73

Decertifications /Revocations	
Commanders	3
Instructors	13
Peace Officers	40
Total decertifications/revocations	56

Suspensions	
Commanders	0
Instructors	0
Peace Officers	1
Total suspensions	1

K-9 Certification	
Unit examinations approved	377
Unit examinations completed	338
Unit special purpose certifications	707
Unit patrol-related certifications	535
Evaluator special purpose certifications	42
Evaluator patrol-related certifications	40

Firearms Requalification	
Instructor requalifications	327
Instructor amendments	106
Instructor renewals	656

OPOTA Advanced Training	
OPOTA Courses	650
OPOTA Students	20,156
Training days	1,449
Student training days	30,934
Suite use courses	129

Schools (excluding K-9)	
Adult Parole Authority Basic Training Schools Opened	6
Adult Parole Authority Basic Training Schools Closed	6
Adult Parole Authority Basic Training Schools Canceled	0
Bailiff Basic Training Schools Opened	6
Bailiff Basic Training Schools Closed	6
Bailiff Basic Training Schools Canceled	0
Corrections Basic Training Schools Opened	42
Corrections Basic Training Schools Closed	39
Corrections Basic Training Schools Canceled	0
Jailer Basic Training Schools Opened	0
Jailer Basic Training Schools Closed	30
Jailer Basic Training Schools Canceled	0
Peace Officer Basic Training Schools Opened	91
Peace Officer Basic Training Schools Closed	97
Peace Officer Basic Training Schools Canceled	0
Peace Officer Refresher Course Training Schools Opened	8
Peace Officer Refresher Course Training Schools Closed	8
Peace Officer Refresher Course Training Schools Canceled	0
Private Security Academic Plus Firearms Schools Opened	6
Private Security Academic Plus Firearms Schools Closed	6
Private Security Academic-Only Schools Opened	26
Private Security Academic-Only Schools Closed	16
Private Security Academic-Only Schools Canceled	3
Private Security Firearms Basic Schools Opened	211
Private Security Firearms Basic Schools Closed	181
Private Security Firearms Basic Schools Canceled	31
Private Security Firearms Requalification Schools Opened	250
Private Security Firearms Requalification Schools Closed	241
Private Security Firearms Requalification Schools Canceled	14
Probation Schools Opened	21
Probation Schools Closed	22
Probation Schools Canceled	0

2017 Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

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

There, the names of 782 fallen Ohio peace officers killed in the line of duty since 1823 are forever etched in the memorial's walls. They serve as a constant reminder of just how important the training function 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. In 2016, fallen K-9 officers were included for the first time in the ceremony. A K-9 memorial plaque was placed on permanent display in the lobby of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

The honorees in May 2017:

- Officer Thomas W. Cottrell, Jr., Danville Police Department (end of watch – Jan. 17, 2016)
- Officer Steven M. Smith, Columbus Division of Police (end of watch – April 12, 2016)
- Officer Sean R. Johnson, Hilliard Division of Police (end of watch – May 19, 2016)
- Trooper Kenneth Velez, Ohio State Highway Patrol (end of watch – Sept. 15, 2016)
- Officer Aaron J. Christian, Chesapeake Police Department (end of watch – Oct. 18, 2016)

The historical inductions:

- Chief Marshal John M. Cone, Canfield Police Department (end of watch – July 17, 1880)
- Patrolman John Manning, Columbus Division of Police (end of watch – Nov. 17, 1888)
- Deputy Marshal Carl M. Etherington, Granville Police Department (end of watch - July 8, 1910)
- Game Warden John C. Wagner, ODNR-Division of Wildlife (end of watch – Oct. 1, 1916)
- Chief Frederick F. Kundts, Columbus Division of Police (end of watch – March 22, 1936)
- Marshal Frank Wilson, Beverly Police Department (end of watch – Jan. 15, 1949)
- Constable Roy E. Carter, Miami Township Police Department (end of watch – Aug. 6, 1966)

The K-9 honoree:

- K-9 Jethro, Canton Police Department (Jan. 10, 2016)

The K-9 historical inductions:

- K-9 Condor, Cincinnati Police Department (end of watch – Oct. 30, 1975)
- K-9 Spock, Scioto County Sheriff's Office (end of watch – Feb. 15, 1994)
- K-9 Luko, Canton Police Department (end of watch – Feb. 14, 1998)
- K-9 Udet, Franklin County Sheriff's Office (end of watch – Nov. 9, 2015)

2016 Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards

These individuals and groups received Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards at the Ohio Attorney General's 2016 Law Enforcement Conference to recognize their outstanding achievements and dedication:

Distinguished Law Enforcement Lifetime Achievement Award

Det. Sgt. Delphine Baldwin-Casey (retired), Youngstown Police Department

Retired Detective Sergeant Delphine Baldwin-Casey is known for breaking barriers and reaching goals. She was one of the first female police officers in Youngstown, joining the department in 1978. She went on to become the first female front-line supervisor for the department. One of her most notable achievements is the creation in 1996 of the Youngstown Crisis Intervention Unit, now known as the Family Services Investigative Division. The unit helps those affected by domestic violence and other violent crimes.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Civilian Leadership Award

David Ginsburg, Downtown Cincinnati Inc.

David Ginsburg, President and CEO of Downtown Cincinnati Inc., has spent more than 20 years working to keep the city's central business district safe and clean. Ginsburg joined the non-profit group at its inception in 1994, and since then, he has introduced several initiatives, and worked with law enforcement, to improve downtown Cincinnati.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Community Service Award

Officer Michael McRill, Sidney Police Department

Officer Michael McRill, a former middle school teacher, joined the Sidney Police Department in 2000 because he had a passion for law enforcement and wanted to do more for his community. In 2014, he became the community resource officer and revived the program by reaching out to citizens and businesses to gauge what was needed. He has developed a self-defense class, an active shooter class, a school safety program, a heroin-information program, an Internet-safety program, and more. The most recognized program he brought to Sidney is the Sheep Dog Award Program which recognizes good deeds of citizens and officers of his community.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Community Service Award

Officer Donald R. Stanko, Upper Arlington Police Division

For much of Officer Donald Stanko's 24 years with the Upper Arlington Police Division, he provided D.A.R.E. instruction at schools, ran the Safety Town Program, then, during his free time, he volunteered as a fencing coach for the Upper Arlington Fencing Club, which he formed in 1999. His work with children prompted him in 2009, along with two other officers, to start a non-profit group to raise awareness about safety online. The Digital Innocence Recovery Group is designed to educate people about creating a positive digital footprint.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Training Award

Sgt. Charles E. Humes Jr. (retired), Toledo Police Department

Charles Humes, Jr., a retired police sergeant who works as a special deputy with the Lucas County Sheriff's Office, is also known as an elite trainer of law enforcement instructors and an author. For the past nine years, he has served as a trainer at the annual conference of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association. A law enforcement training video created by Mr. Humes, *Dynamic Striking Techniques*, is used by police departments and training academies worldwide. Also, his "Conditioned Reflex Training" concept for pursuit driving safety is credited with preventing officer fatalities.

Mark Losey Distinguished Law Enforcement Service Award

Inspector Christopher E. Rhoades, Summit County Sheriff's Office

In his 40 years with the Summit County Sheriff's Office, Inspector Christopher Rhoades has been recognized for his investigative work and his dedication to crime victims, underprivileged children, and senior citizens. When the sheriff's office started a program to check on the elderly, Inspector Rhoades insisted on taking part. When he saw that the children growing up in public housing needed better interaction with law enforcement, he and his wife opened their property for campouts and fishing for those children and their families. At Christmas, Inspector Rhoades and his wife made sure the same kids received gifts by donating to and helping with the sheriff's "Adopt a Family" drive.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award

Summit County Juvenile Court, Bath and Copley Police Departments, Hidden in Plain Sight (HIPS)

Members of the Bath and Copley Police Departments and the Summit County Juvenile Court's Diversion Program developed "Hidden in Plain Sight," a free, traveling, interactive exhibit to help parents learn to recognize the signs of risky behavior among teenagers. The exhibit was designed by program director Marcie Mason to look like a teenager's bedroom, and contains items that may indicate that a teen is using drugs or participating in other dangerous activities. It has been seen by more than 6,000 adults in about 300 presentations.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award

Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force

As the heroin epidemic took hold in Hamilton County, law enforcement agencies decided to band together to take on the drug problem, and the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force was formed in the spring of 2015. The goal of the task force is to undertake investigations to target the sources of heroin that result in overdoses and deaths. In the past year, the task force initiated 70 cases, 53 of which were heroin-overdose death investigations. Meanwhile, the task force established the "Not in My Neighborhood" campaign to provide anonymous tip hotlines for citizens to report heroin dealers. The group also used donated funds to print thousands of addiction-resource cards for police and firefighters to distribute.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award

Washington County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Ohio Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Section

This group was instrumental in solving the 1981 murder of Lt. Ray "Joe" Clark, chief deputy of the Washington County Sheriff's Office, and bringing justice to a killer after more than 35 years. The murder was investigated without success until 2011, when the sheriff's office established a cold case squad. In 2013, the office sought and received assistance from Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Unsolved Homicides Initiative. The team started fresh and analyzed every aspect of the investigation. Eighteen volumes of records were organized and converted to a searchable

computerized format. Several suspects emerged, and all were cleared except two: former deputies Richard “Bob” Smithberger and Mitchell Ruble. Ruble had been fired by Clark for using excessive force. In the end, Smithberger filled in the details of the attack. On April 28, 2016, Ruble was sentenced to life in prison for Clark’s murder.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award

Capt. Troy Hawkins, Lt. Bryan Lockhart, Washington County Sheriff’s Office

On the morning of August 20, 2015, Captain Troy Hawkins, Lieutenant Bryan Lockhart, and other officers responded to a call for help just a few blocks from two schools. At the scene, officers encountered an armed man and told him to drop his weapon. The gunman ignored their orders and began hunting for responding officers. When the man approached Captain Hawkins, who had taken cover, Captain Hawkins ordered him to drop his gun. Instead of complying, the man turned the gun on the Captain, and they both fired. A bullet narrowly missed Hawkins, but the gunman was struck four times. When Lieutenant Lockhart saw the captain being fired upon, he ran toward the gunman, who fired at Lieutenant Lockhart. The lieutenant shot back, and the assailant was hit and killed.

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Patrolman Gregory A. Patterson, Richmond Heights Police Department

On December 6, 2015, four Richmond Heights Police officers responded to a call from a woman who had fled her home because her husband had a gun and was threatening suicide. Sergeant Mike Gerl talked to the man, who agreed to let the police in the house. The man told police where to find his gun and agreed to go to the hospital. As he prepared to leave, he asked if he could get his jacket. Sergeant Gerl and Patrolman Gregory Patterson escorted him upstairs. As the man went for his coat, he instead grabbed a second gun from the closet shelf and shot Sergeant Gerl. Patrolman Patterson drew his weapon and fired, killing the gunman. Patrolman Patterson radioed for help and pulled Sergeant Gerl out of the closet to start CPR. Paramedics responded immediately, treated Sergeant Gerl, and took him to the hospital. Today, Sergeant Gerl is recovering from his injuries.



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