



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

**Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers**

May 2017

## Introducing OPOTA's Immersive Law Enforcement Training Village

Law enforcement officers attending courses at OPOTA's London campus will be able to enhance their skills in stress-inducing, realistic environments through a new scenario-based training village that includes simulators and live role players.

Earlier this month, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine showcased phase one of the training village, which will eventually expand to up to eight structures. Of the two buildings opened in May, the first includes a 180-degree firearm simulator, where officers can respond to realistic scenarios and determine whether or not to use lethal force. The second building, the "shoothouse," includes three rooms with four firearm simulators that offer nearly 500 scenarios. In addition, the main room has matted floors and walls, enabling officers to practice their takedown and arrest skills with role players.

Phase Two of the village will include additional firearm simulators and shipping container buildings with movable walls and staircases, so officers can train among different building layouts.

Some courses have already begun using the village for trainings, and new courses are in the works.

## Conducting Successful Interviews and Interrogations

By knowing and performing proper interview and interrogation techniques, law enforcement officers can more easily resolve investigations. The [Interview and Interrogations](#) course will provide a legal update on the differences between interviews and interrogations and the requirements for each, including Miranda rights. Other topics will include child/juvenile interview techniques, nonverbal communications, interrogation techniques, and effective listening styles. This training is designed to benefit officers who work in the patrol division of their departments or those who are assigned to investigations.

June 14 – June 16, 2017  
OPOTA Richfield  
4055 Highlander Parkway  
Richfield, OH  
Cost: \$300

## Learn More About Youths Who Kill

Author Phil Chalmers will present [“Why Teens Kill – Generation Death”](#) at OPOTA Richfield in the fall. Chalmers has interviewed more than 200 teen killers and school shooters, along with numerous serial killers, mass murderers, and sexual predators. His interviews delved into the minds of the offenders and explored why they killed, and if society could have stopped them. He has studied youth culture for more than 25 years and is the author of several books. Chalmers will be accompanied by his wife, Wendi, an educator and former school principal. Registration is open. Those who interact with youths are invited and encouraged to attend.

Sept. 13, 2017 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
OPOTA Richfield  
4055 Highlander Parkway  
Richfield, OH  
Cost: \$150

## Gain Insights About Child Sex Trafficking

In the fall, the National Criminal Justice Training Center will bring [“Introduction to Child Sex Trafficking”](#) to OPOTA Richfield. Participants will learn how to recognize and understand the dynamics of child sex trafficking. The training will focus on the interaction between child protective services, law enforcement, prosecution, and the medical community, since each agency is critical for a successful response on behalf of the victim and successful prosecution of the offender. [Register](#) for this free class by Aug. 18, 2017.

Oct. 2, 2017 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
OPOTA Richfield  
4055 Highlander Parkway  
Richfield, OH  
Cost: Free

## Interviewing Child Sex Trafficking Victims

Because child sex trafficking victims have often been traumatized, it can be difficult to get accurate, timely information from them to proceed with an investigation. The National Criminal Justice Training Center will present [“Missing & Exploited Children: Child Sex Trafficking from Suspicion to Disclosure”](#) at OPOTA Richfield in early October. Attendees will learn techniques and strategies to increase the likelihood of obtaining information from possible victims of child sex trafficking. Students will compare and contrast typical child sexual abuse cases with child sex trafficking cases; address the different points of entry into the system for trafficking victims; understand how each team member’s role can contribute to a positive outcome of the case; and discuss question strategy, interview fatigue, and language use. [Register](#) for this free class by Aug. 18, 2017.

Oct. 3, 2017 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

OPOTA Richfield  
4055 Highlander Parkway  
Richfield, OH  
Cost: Free

## Training the Trainers

When dispatched to active threat scenes, officers know that someone is in immediate danger. The course [Single Officer Response to an Active Threat - Instructor \(SORAT-I\)](#) was created for officers who are responsible for teaching active threat principles within their agencies. Instructors will review case studies, lecture, and provide hands-on practical training. Class topics will include active threat response history; deadly force justification; Ohio active threat incidents; movement principles; room entries; post-incident concerns; and edged weapon, firearm, and improvised explosive device responses. Students will also use some nonlethal training aids. Student instructors will run a training scenario and re-teach components of the material to the class.

**Equipment required:** duty belt, body armor, flashlight, “go-bag” (if issued)

***\*This course is restricted to sworn law enforcement personnel.\****

May 23 - 25, 2017 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

University of Akron, Quaker Square Residence Hall  
135 S Broadway St.  
Akron, OH  
Cost: \$255