



# Ohio Attorney General's Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy

**Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers**

OPOTA MARCH 2018

[Now Enrolling – Courses on Drone Safety and Drone Complaint Investigation](#)

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) is now offering courses for small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS), commonly called “drones.” Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine formed an advisory group to develop guidelines and a model law enforcement policy for the use of sUAS. When the group released its report in January, the Attorney General directed OPOTA to develop sUAS-related courses.

Two of the four current courses will begin in March; two other courses will be available in April. More courses are in development.

[Implementing a Public Safety Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(sUAS\)/Drone Program](#)

Although drone technology is quickly being embraced by a variety of public safety agencies, creating new policies and programs for the devices can be challenging and complex. This course will assist agencies to implement a sUAS program. The course will cover Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules about drone usage, specifically covering Part 107 (drone licensing) versus Certificate of Authorization (COA) and how to register a sUAS. Participants will also learn what is required to operate the aircraft, the qualifications of the pilot and aircrew, the required pilot and maintenance logbooks, policy and procedures, and more.

March 28, 2018	April 30, 2018
OPOTA London	Richfield
1650 State Route 56 SW	4055 Highlander Parkway
London, OH 43140	Richfield, OH 44268
\$160	\$145

[Investigating Small Unmanned Aircrafts Systems \(sUAS\)/Drone Complaints](#)

As the public embraces drones, law enforcement faces increased calls about how to handle this evolving technology. This course 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 also learn how to find potential evidence on a drone. They will also receive contact information for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

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

March 29, 2018

OPOTA London  
1650 State Route 56 SW  
London, OH 43140  
\$135

May 29, 2018

OPOTA London  
1650 State Route 56 SW  
London, OH 43140  
\$135

### [Learn More About Human Trafficking](#)

Human trafficking is no longer limited to certain areas or cities. Its negative effects can spread through communities, impacting surviving victims, schools, law enforcement, and others. The four-hour interactive course, [Human Trafficking: Basic Overview](#), will review the crimes that comprise human trafficking and examine some of its causes and effects. In addition, participants will explore the mindset of perpetrators and the perspective of human trafficking victims. Participants will also learn the signs of human trafficking, how victims are targeted, and what to consider when reporting on and investigating this crime. Finally, the facilitator will review Ohio laws that assist law enforcement and nongovernmental agencies with fighting trafficking.

April 18, 2018  
8 a.m. – noon

Aug. 9, 2018  
8 a.m. – noon

OPOTA London  
1650 State Route 56 SW  
London, OH 43140  
Cost: \$65

### [Develop as a Tactical Team Leader](#)

New and current SWAT or Special Response Team (SRT) leaders responsible for an entry team or other sub-element of a tactical team will review the responsibilities of a team leader during preplanned and hasty operations. [Tactical Team Leader Development](#) is a three-day course with in-class assignments and simulated operations. In-class work will include discussions about the legal, tactical, and training issues related to law enforcement tactical operations. In addition, students will plan, brief, and conduct simulated operations. Each participant will rotate through various positions during operations, so every student gets the chance to make decisions as the tactical operation team leader.

Course prerequisites: Basic SWAT Course (OPOTA, Ohio Tactical Officers Association, or other equivalent 40-hour basic SWAT course)

**Note:** Students should be prepared to take notes and bring eye protection, long sleeves, gloves, and a copy of your agency's SWAT/SRT policy.

May 29 – 31, 2018  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Akron Police Department Training Department  
800 Dan St.  
Akron, OH 44310  
Cost: \$400

### [Interacting With and De- Escalating the Special Needs Population](#)

When a person suffers a mental-health crisis, law enforcement is often the first on the scene. This course, [Interacting With and De- Escalating the Special Needs Population](#), provides resources and training for anyone who may interact with this population.

Participants will learn some characteristics of individuals in crisis and basic techniques to respond in such situations. By the end of the course, students will understand different de-escalation techniques, be able to identify suicidal behavior and language, and learn how the lives of those suffering from mental-health issues are affected by incarceration. Students can expect interactive learning experiences, including a PowerPoint presentation, videos, and group work.

April 5, 2018  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Aug. 2, 2018  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA London  
1650 State Route 56 SW  
London, OH 43140  
Cost: \$115

### [Did You Know?](#)

The Ohio Attorney General's 2018 Law Enforcement Conference is planned for Oct. 25-26 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. The fee for two days of training and luncheons is \$125. Registration will open in August. This year's conference theme is *Protecting Ohio Together*. As we strive to present the most relevant and critical topics facing Ohio's law enforcement, we are looking for conference workshop proposals. As in previous years, workshops will be categorized into tracks such as management, technology, emerging crime trends, legal, community, and partnerships. For more conference information or to obtain a workshop proposal form, visit the conference website at [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/LEConference](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/LEConference).