



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

**Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers**

**April, 2016**

## **Blue Courage Offers Support**

This course will enhance the capacity of our officers through education, practices, tools, and processes to serve with courage and honor. Blue Courage covers issues within our profession that cause erosion of our capacity to serve, and it also gives officers the tools to help combat that erosion.

This two-day course, which is being offered in April, June, August, October, and December, was created by officers for officers. Some of the modules covered include: Police Culture, Nobility, Positive Psychology, and Health and Wellness. After successful completion of the course, officers will have the tools to become a better officer, worker, spouse, and parent. This course not only has the ability to help officers deal with the stress in our profession, it also will help in officers' daily lives as well.

Blue Courage is about taking charge of the forces and circumstances that are powerful influences in our lives. The stress, pressures, and dark side of life that officers see all influence us to a high degree. Blue Courage will teach you to take charge of, manage, and control those influences.

Blue Courage is also about strengthening our "core." In fitness strengthening, the core reinforces everything that flows from it. Our core is our heart, body, mind, and spirit – those four dimensions are the source of all our power, strength, endurance, and ability to perform.

Visit the [OPOTA catalog](#) for more information and to register for this valuable course.

## **Speed Enforcement Certification**

In May and August, OPOTA will offer the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) 40-hour [RADAR/LiDAR Operator Course](#). Those completing the week-long course will be certified to operate both RADAR & LiDAR units.

Topics that will be covered include: Speed Enforcement; Legal Considerations; Scientific Principles of RADAR; Operational Considerations using RADAR; Scientific Principles of LiDAR; and Operational Considerations of LiDAR.

Participants will be required to do both stationary and moving speed estimations. This is mandatory in order to pass the course.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, students will need to bring a departmental vehicle with a

dash-mounted moving RADAR Unit. (One departmental vehicle for up to three persons.)

This course is funded through an OTSO/NHTSA grant and is free for Ohio Law Enforcement Officers only. Out-of-state officers should contact OPOTA at 740-845-2700 for more information.

## The Characteristics of an Armed Gunman

Is there something about the way the person is walking? Does one side of a jacket look heavier? Why is it that the person keeps checking a pants or coat pocket? These are just a few of the possible characteristics that may indicate an armed gunman.

Using interactive training methods, [this course](#) seeks to heighten a law enforcement officer's awareness of the subtle characteristics common to street-level criminal gunmen.

The course, which is being hosted by OPOTA in partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and Explosives, places emphasis on identifying these characteristics and taking the appropriate enforcement actions leading to safe and successful crime gun recoveries. The course also highlights the special significance of effectively articulating, both in paperwork and testimony, the specific factors relied upon to support a successful prosecution.

The free course will be held at OPOTA Richfield on both May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> by featured instructor Lt. Richard A. Hobson, Washington D.C., Metropolitan Police Department (Retired).

Because this is not an OPOTA course, prospective students must contact Ms. Debbie Little at (216) 573-8120 [Deborah.Little@atf.gov](mailto:Deborah.Little@atf.gov) to register.

## More from the OPOTA Course Catalog

### [Dynamic Vehicle Operations](#)

This one-day, driving intensive course will focus on advanced vehicle operations, skid avoidance and recovery, emergency response, vehicle dynamics, and decision making. Students will use OPOTA vehicles that are equipped with added safety features to perform dynamic and advanced practical exercises. Students should bring appropriate clothing in the event of poor weather as most of the training will be outside of the classroom.

May 2, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
OPOTA Main Campus  
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW  
London, OH  
Cost: \$75

June 8, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
OPOTA Main Campus  
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW  
London, OH  
Cost: \$75

## [Understanding the Impact of PTSD on Combat Veterans](#)

This four-hour seminar is designed to provide all attendees with an understanding of a veteran's wartime experience, the devastating impact of the exposure to multiple traumatic events, the complications of homecoming to an environment that can promote isolation and abandonment, and those triggers that both elicit and aggravate potentially volatile and high-risk situations. More than 2.6 million Americans are veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many have been deployed to the wartime theater of operations multiple times, complicating their ability to return to civilian life and to overcome the obstacles of making this transition repeatedly.

This program will enable participants to develop an understanding of veterans' challenges and experiences, develop an awareness of risk factors associated with making the transition to civilian life, provide basic knowledge of the impact of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injuries on veterans in order to identify and to de-escalate crises among this population in their encounters with law enforcement, and offer comprehensive information to direct veterans to needed medical attention and mental health services.

May 4, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
OPOTA Main Campus  
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW  
London, OH  
Cost: Free

## [Testifying in Court Boot Camp](#)

Do you feel anxious or nervous about testifying in court? Build your confidence and skills in this class. Topics covered include courtroom strategies, testimony vs. report writing, court preparation, professional conduct and evidentiary concerns. This intense, two-day class will require students to testify in mock courtroom settings, be cross examined by trial attorneys, and do out-of-class assignments. Class size will be limited to 12 students.

Note: There will be a pre-course assignment. A report that was generated by the student will be the needed basis for examination. The course instructor will contact students before the course.

\*This course is restricted to Ohio Peace Officers only.

June 20-21, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
OPOTA Richfield  
4055 Highlander Parkway  
Richfield, OH  
Cost: \$100