



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

Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers

February 2016

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

This four-hour seminar is designed to provide all attendees with an understanding of the veteran's wartime experience, the devastating impact of the exposure to multiple traumatic events, the complications of coming home to an environment that could promote the 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 multiple times, complicating their ability to return to civilian life and overcome the obstacles of making this transition repeatedly.

This program will enable participants to develop an understanding of the challenges and experiences of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom veterans, 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 desperately needed medical attention and mental health services.

April 7, 2016 | 8 a.m. – Noon
OPOTA Richfield
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH
Cost: Free

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

IED/Bomb Week

The threat of Improvised Explosive Device (IED)/Bomb attacks is a global problem. In recent years their impact was most severely felt in countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and Nigeria. However, we have seen that threat spread to Europe, Asia, and the United States.

A reason IED/Bombs are so prevalent is that they are inexpensive and many are relatively easy to make. Many different types of materials, from everyday objects to commercial or military explosives, can be used in making them.

These explosives are also common because of their effectiveness. A small device can cause mass casualties, inflict a great deal of physical damage, and create panic.

There are countermeasures and regulations being adopted to prevent attacks and the flow of IED/Bomb-making materials. Yet the development of IED/Bombs often evolves faster than the solutions.

[IED/Bomb Week](#) is an attempt to train all first responders in many aspects of IED/Bombs. The class runs for a week (April 18 – April 22), but is broken into three sections.

Monday (April 18) & Tuesday (April 19) – The first section was developed for first responders. Students will learn about IED/Bomb recognition, how to respond, secondary devices, and a scenario involving a possible bombing incident in conjunction with an active shooter.

Wednesday (April 20) – The second section was developed for command staff. Students will learn about IED/Bomb recognition, how to respond, equipment acquisition, large-scale incident coordination, and how to implement IED/Bomb incidents into policy.

Thursday (April 21) & Friday (April 22) – The third section was developed for evidence technicians and investigators. Students will learn about IED/Bomb recognition, identifying components, equipment acquisition, securing evidence, explosive analysis (pre- and post-blast), and joint investigations.

Each section will be given its own certification. Students are welcome to attend as many sections of IED/Bomb Week as they would like.

The classes will be taught by instructors from the Division of State Fire Marshal, the Columbus Bomb Squad, and OPOTA.

April 18-19, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (First Responders)
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$130

April 20, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Command Staff)
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$65

April 21-22, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Evidence Technicians and Investigators)
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$130

Community Diversity Instructor Update

Do you currently teach the **Community Diversity** topic in either a Peace Officer basic training class, a Corrections Officer basic training class, a Jailer Basic training class, or a Private Security basic training class? If so, this notification is for you.

[The Community Diversity Instructor Update class](#) is a mandatory update course which prepares instructors who are currently certified to teach the old Community Diversity curriculum in Peace Officer Basic Training, Private Security Basic Training, Corrections Basic Training, and Jailer Basic Training to teach the new Community Diversity & Procedural Justice topic. This new curriculum combines an updated Community Diversity curriculum with two other new topics, Procedural Justice and Implicit Bias, and replaces the current Community Diversity curriculum.

Prerequisite: Students must have successfully completed an OPOTC-sanctioned Instructional Skills course and the old OPOTC Community Diversity Instructor Course prior to enrolling. **Note:** Current Community Diversity instructors who do not successfully complete this update prior to July 1, 2016, will not be certified to teach the new Community Diversity & Procedural Justice topic.

There are currently many dates offered for the Update class, and they can be found on our online catalog, so sign up today!

February 17, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$65

February 24, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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London, OH
Cost: \$65

March 24, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$65

April 5, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$65

More from the OPOTA Course Catalog

Managing Confidential Informants

Often viewed as “necessary evils,” confidential informants can provide access to the criminal element. They often need to be properly managed by the controlling officers *and* the chain of command in order to avoid officer safety issues, adverse impact to the integrity of investigations, and the destruction of careers. This class will focus on the methods of cultivating, managing, and successfully using informants, along with documentation, discovery, and other legal issues, such as the manner in which the controlling officers and informants themselves may be scrutinized and examined. Examples of successes and failures will be presented and discussed.

[This class](#) is taught by a recently retired federal agent with extensive experience in dealing with informants, along with a recently retired prosecutor who also has extensive experience with informants.

February 17, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$65

Marijuana Identification

[This course](#) is for peace officers involved in narcotics investigations or who require training in marijuana identification. The purpose is to improve skills in the scientific identification of marijuana using chemical and microscopic techniques. Instruction covers the use of modified Duquenois-Levine test, the effervescence test, and the NIK field-testing procedures. Skills in microscopic examination are developed. Students participate in hands-on testing and conduct more than 50 microscopic and chemical tests.

February 20, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and February 21, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bowling Green State University

Life Sciences (Biology) Building

Room 445

Bowling Green, OH

Cost: \$250

For a map of this location please [click here](#).

*The BCI Facility is immediately north of the Life Sciences Building which is easily accessible and has free parking.

Electronic Surveillance

Need a new investigative tool? Electronic Surveillance isn't just for federal agents. This course will provide officers the needed aspects of conducting electronic surveillance investigations. This course meets the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 2933.64 and will certify investigators to conduct electronic surveillance and wire taps. [This training will be](#) conducted by attorneys from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office with extensive wiretap experience.

March 1-2, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Richfield
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH
Cost: Free

Blue Courage

Blue Courage is a transformational two-day leadership development workshop designed for all levels of the organization. This revolutionary educational process is a holistic approach to developing our people. It will touch hearts, awaken minds, and ignite spirits through dynamic presentations and learning processes. If your interest is self-improvement, increased engagement, stress-management, developing resilience, igniting culture change, combating cynicism, while improving overall health and well-being, then Blue Courage is waiting for you to answer the call!

March 17-18, 2016
April 7-8, 2016
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$205

Peace Officer Basic Training Legal Instructor

[This course](#) prepares instructors to teach topics in the legal unit in Peace Officer Basic Training. Topics include: teaching techniques, platform teaching skills, facilitative learning, case briefing, Ohio Revised Code, laws of arrest, search and seizure, civil liability, and testifying in court. Students will be required to brief and present court cases and teach a course of instruction using a prepared Commission basic training lesson plan from the legal unit. Students are encouraged to bring laptop computers and should plan on working outside of the classroom in the evenings to prepare for class presentations.

March 21-25, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
OPOTA Richfield
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH
Cost: \$250

SORAT- I (Single Officer Response to an Active Threat-Instructor)

This course is for the officer who has the responsibility of teaching active-threat principles within his or her agency. The [course will include](#) both lecture and practical training. Topics include: mind-set shift, deadly force justification, active-threat response history, case examples, Ohio active-threat incidents, edged weapon, firearm and IED responses, officer link-up, movement principles, room entries, and post-incident concerns. The use of non-lethal training aids will enhance the training. Student instructors will perform teach-backs and run a training scenario.

March 29-31, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$225

SWAT Training-Basic

This basic SWAT training is a course for new or prospective tactical operators. The course will include both lecture and practical training. Topics include historical aspects of SWAT, tactical firearms deployment, room clearing, warrant service planning and operations, breaching, close-quarters combatives, officer and civilian rescue, vehicle assaults, and building entries. The use of non-lethal training aids will enhance the training. Attendees should be proficient with their issued firearms.

Note: This course is restricted to active Law Enforcement personnel only.

June 27-July 1, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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