

Ohio Attorney General's
Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy
Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers



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AG Yost Provides Training, Grants to Prevent School Violence

The Ohio Attorney General's Office has developed online training to help keep children safe while learning. Ohio School Threat Assessment Training focuses on how schools can form their own threat assessment teams, which are made up of school personnel, mental health professionals and law enforcement.

The main goal is to work with students who have exhibited concerning behaviors or made threats of violence. The final installment of the training examines how law enforcement can conduct vulnerability assessments of schools in their jurisdiction.

The Ohio Legislature appropriated \$24 million for the Attorney General's Office to provide school safety grants during fiscal years 2020 and 2021. In 2020, \$10 million in grants are available for schools and \$2 million is available for Ohio School Threat Assessment Training grants to law enforcement. In 2021, \$11 million in school safety grants will be available along with \$1 million in law enforcement grants for school building vulnerability assessments.

School resource officers, D.A.R.E. officers and other law enforcement with K-12 school safety responsibilities are currently eligible to receive payment for taking the Ohio School Threat Assessment Training and will be eligible for vulnerability assessment grants beginning in July. Instructions and eligibility information can be found on OHLEG under "Forms." The following forms are needed:

- Threat Assessment Team Contact Form
- Ohio School Threat Assessment Training Grant Request Form
- Ohio School Vulnerability Assessment Grant Request Form
- Department of Public Safety's Security and Vulnerability Assessment Form

For more information about Ohio School Threat Assessment Training and how to apply for the grants, log into OHLEG. If you have any questions, please contact Micah Stoll at 740-845-2667 or by email at micah.stoll@ohioattorneygeneral.gov.

Blue Courage Academy Set for March 24-27 in Richfield

When:

March 24 - March 27, 2020

Where:

OPOTA Richfield
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH 44286

Instructor:

Sean Smith

Course information: The Blue Courage Academy is a four-day workshop that teaches attendees to deliver Blue Courage to their organizations. Blue Courage is a transformational leadership development workshop designed for all levels of an organization. It was developed by officers for officers to help deal with everyday stress, increase overall well-being and increase longevity. Blue Courage covers nine topics, including modules on police culture, the nobility of policing, respect and positive psychology.

The course will touch hearts, awaken minds and ignite spirits. Through dynamic presentations and learning processes, attendees are given all necessary supporting materials to successfully teach Blue Courage and positively impact fellow law enforcement professionals.

Registration link: [Click here to register](#)

Coming Soon: The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation

When:

July 14 - 17, 2020

Where:

OPOTA Tactical Training Center
1960 US Route 42
London, OH 43140

Course information: Want to improve your interviewing and interrogation skills? OPOTA is hosting John E. Reid & Associates in London on July 14-17 for a three-day basic course and a one-day advanced course on the Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation. More information is available at reid.com. Questions? Contact Julie Rock at 855-479-3959 or jrock@reid.com.

Registration link: [Click here to register](#)

Register Now for April Counter Ambush Training

When:

April 14 - April 16, 2020

Where:

Northern Ohio Tactical Training Center
49300 Cooper Foster Park Road
Amherst, OH 44001

Course information: Whether inspired by foreign terrorism or motivated by an anti-government or anti-police bias, the trend of targeted violence against police officers appears to be increasing after years of decline. According to the FBI, the second largest circumstance where law enforcement officers were killed between 2001-2010 was in ambush situations (22%). This three-day firearms course will offer strategies and techniques to avoid being ambushed and to increase an officer's chances of survival during an ambush. The live-fire drills will focus on surviving a near ambush, far ambush, vehicle ambush and injured officer drills. This course will also address basic medical skills during a gunfight.

Registration link: [Click here to register](#)

Space Still Available for Internal Investigations Courses

When:

April 15 - April 16, 2020 (Richfield)
April 27 - April 28, 2020 (London)

Instructor:

Richfield: Steve Guldeman
London: Dan Pastor

Course information: This program is designed for law enforcement officers who are responsible for investigations of internal personnel. Topics include: types of misconduct, complaints (external and internal), investigatory procedures, standards, departmental policies and procedures, case history and law, officer's rights, role of the investigator, administrative responsibilities and managing the internal affairs unit.

Registration link: [Click here to register](#)