

# Ohio Attorney General's Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy

Advanced Training for Ohio Peace Officers



May 2019

## [Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, Law Enforcement Officers Honor 799 Killed in the Line of Duty](#)

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Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, members of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and law enforcement officers from across the state gathered May 2 for the annual Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony to honor the 799 Ohio peace officers who have died in the line of duty since 1823.

"Public safety doesn't happen by accident, it depends on the vigilance, actions and courage of real people who wear a badge," Yost said. "We honor those who made this choice, and paid the ultimate price for it.

Among those honored were four officers who died in 2018:



### **Officer Eric J. Joering Westerville Division of Police**

On Feb. 10, 2018, [Officer Eric J. Joering](#), 39, and Officer Anthony P. Morelli were dispatched to a home on a domestic-violence call. After they were let in, a man opened fire. Both officers were hit and fired at the shooter, wounding him. Joering died at the scene. Joering, who served as a K9 officer with Sam, a Belgian Malinois, had served Westerville since 2001 as a training officer, firearm trainer, and a street cop. Joering is survived by his wife and three young daughters. Sam retired from the Westerville Police Division and resides with the family. Click [here](#) for more information about Officer Joering.



### **Officer Anthony P. Morelli Westerville Division of Police**

On Feb. 10, 2018, [Officer Anthony "Tony" Pasquale Morelli](#), 54, and Officer Eric J. Joering, were dispatched to a home on a domestic-violence call. After they were let in, a man opened fire. Both officers were hit and fired at the shooter, wounding him. Morelli died at The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center. Morelli began his career with the Westerville Division of Police in 1988 and was proud to protect Westerville, where he also lived. In his 30 years with the police division, he was voted officer of the year in 2003 and 2012, was honored with a Medal of Valor and received many other awards. Morelli is survived by his wife, daughter and son-in-law, son, his parents and many loving family members and friends in Westerville and Massillon. Click [here](#) for more information about Officer Morelli.



**Officer Mathew J. Mazany**  
**Mentor Police Department**

On June 24, 2018, [Officer Mathew J. Mazany](#), 41, arrived to assist a Mentor Police Officer who had pulled over a person wanted in another jurisdiction. As he approached the vehicle, he was struck by another vehicle. Officer Mazany served the Mentor Police Department for 14 years, was honored with the department's Exceptional Service Award and received many accolades from Mentor residents for his professionalism and compassion. Mazany is survived by his wife and son, father, and many loving family members and friends. Click [here](#) for more information about Officer Mazany.



**Officer Vu X. Nguyen**  
**Cleveland Division of Police**

On July 2, 2018, [Officer Vu X. Nguyen](#), 50, collapsed in 90-degree heat during a canine-officer training exercise. He passed away on July 6 at Cleveland Clinic. A 20-year veteran of the Cleveland Police Department, Officer Nguyen was a popular officer, with commendations in his file including a Medal of Heroism and a special thanks from the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. He is survived by his wife and two children, and, as one of 14 siblings, a large extended family across the country. Click [here](#) for more information about Officer Nguyen.

Also honored were four officers who were nominated for historical induction to the memorial after their departments discovered that the officers had made the ultimate sacrifice for their communities in the past.

- **Deputy Sheriff George W. Rockwell | Logan County Sheriff's Office**
- **Chief Deputy Martin L. Myers | Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office**
- **Officer Clark Teeple | Napoleon Police Department**
- **Special Officer Joseph B. Mumford | East Liverpool Police Department**

Click [here](#) for more information about these officers.

A moment of silence was held for Colerain Township Police Officer Dale Woods and Clermont County Sheriff's Deputy William Brewer, who gave their lives in the line of duty earlier this year. In keeping with Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony tradition, Officer Woods and Deputy Brewer will receive full honors during the 2020 ceremony.

Law enforcement agencies from Butler, Cuyahoga, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Lake, Lucas, Madison, Montgomery, Richland, Shelby and Summit counties were among those that participated in the ceremony.

# **Precision Immobilization Technique Refresher**

5/6/2019

**Hosted by:** The Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy

**When:**

July 16, 2019

Aug. 12, 2019

Sept. 16, 2019

**Cost:** \$125 per individual

**Where:**

OPOTA Training Center

1960 U.S. Route 42 SW

London, OH 43140

**Course Information:**

Every year, officers engage in pursuits. The Precision Immobilization Technique, or PIT, is a way that allows officers to decide when and where to end a pursuit. Officers with the ability to perform this trained technique can have a huge benefit to departments and citizens in that jurisdiction. It is also a skill that can be lost if it is not used.

This one-day class will provide officers who have already completed PIT training, either through OPOTA or another agency, with an update and refresher of their PIT skills. Many officers were trained in a Ford Crown Victoria but are now driving different platforms in which they have never had the opportunity to practice or perform a PIT. This refresher course will feature Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles and Dodge Chargers that are equipped with training bumpers so that officers are able to practice in a vehicle more closely resembling what they drive now. The course will use exercises that officers may not have seen before that work on specific skills, as well as ample PIT opportunities on the OPOTA track, providing a more realistic experience. Driving basics (hand placement, eye placement, braking and acceleration) will be covered and practiced as well in conjunction with the practical exercises.

This course will be driving intensive and classroom time will be minimal.

**Prerequisites:** All participants must be PIT certified in order to attend this course.

**For more information:** Please contact OPOTA registration at 740-845-2700 or 800-346-7682.

## **Why Teens Kill**

5/6/2019

**Hosted by:** The Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy

**Presented by:** Phil Chalmers

**When:** Aug. 14, 2019

**Cost:** \$125 per individual

**Where:**

OPOTA Richfield Campus  
4055 Highlander Parkway  
Richfield, Ohio 44286

**Course Information:**

Phil Chalmers is considered to be America's leading authority on juvenile homicide and juvenile mass murder.

Chalmers has interviewed over 200 teen killers and school shooters, along with numerous serial killers, mass murderers and sexual predators. The reason for these interviews is to delve into the minds of the offenders and to explore why they killed and whether society could have stopped them.

Chalmers has studied the youth culture for over 25 years and is knowledgeable in youth culture, youth behavior and the effects of youth entertainment. Chalmers has authored the books "Inside the Mind of a Teenage Killer," "True Lies," and "The Encyclopedia of Teen Killers."

**For more information:** Please contact Sarah Shendy at (234) 400-3053 or [Sarah.Shendy@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](mailto:Sarah.Shendy@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov) for additional information about the course.

Registration is available online [here](#).

## **Did You Know?**

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Did you know that the idea of a Peace Officers' Memorial Day came into effect on Oct. 1, 1961, when Congress asked the president to designate May 15 to honor law enforcement officers? President John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on Oct. 1, 1962. Each year, the president of the United States proclaims May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the calendar week of each year during which May 15 occurs as Police Week.