



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

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Policing in the 21st Century

National attention has been focused on law enforcement following high-profile events in Ohio and other parts of the country. In the wake of these incidents, task forces and advisory groups have been convened to look into areas like use-of-force and community-police relations. In Ohio, Attorney General Mike DeWine formed a law enforcement training advisory group that issued a report in April.

The report included a recommendation to increase training hours. The Ohio General Assembly then passed a new law that will require 11 hours of training for all officers. The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) is pleased to announce a new course that can fulfill eight of the 11 hours of required training and cover three of the four critical subjects for 2016 continuing professional training.

Policing in the 21st Century is a new, live, web-cast, eight-hour course that will be taught in London, Richfield, and at select regional locations, and will cover the following topics:

- **Community-Police Relations**, (focusing on Implicit Bias, Procedural Justice, and Blue Courage) – (4 hours)
- **Crisis De-escalation with Focus on Mental Illness** – (2 hours)
- **Constitutional Use of Force** – (2 hours)

For the first time, beginning in 2016, we will also be live-streaming *Policing in the 21st Century* online. This will allow officers to receive live training without having to travel to a classroom, but will allow them to interact virtually, with an instructor during the course. The ability to ask and answer questions that are presented to the live audience, downloadable PowerPoints and course information, and streaming video scenarios are all part of the experience. This course will give officers valuable information that will assist them in their duties of policing in the 21st century in a convenient, user- and budget-friendly format.

In addition to the new offerings above, OPOTA has many free and reduced cost courses available which may be used to fulfill CPT requirements. The 2016 course catalog is available for viewing on OHLEG and on the Attorney General's website.

Ohio Gang Investigator Specialist Training

Gangs are a growing issue for law enforcement. And without proper training on how to deal with this type of crime, prosecution can be difficult.

This course will give officers information on Ohio-specific statutes, search-and-seizure issues, state and federal forfeiture, crime mapping and intelligence, electronic evidence collection and preservation, discovery, electronic surveillance issues, and open source networks. This course includes case studies that go from intelligence gathering to prosecution.

Ohio experts who have successfully handled these cases will give valuable insight into their experiences. Don't miss out on this free training opportunity. Please see our [course catalog](#) for more details on how to register.

More from the OPOTA Course Catalog

[Basic Humane Agent Training](#)

This course provides the mandatory training for Humane Agents. Topics include Ethics and Professionalism, Legal Issues, Investigations, Animal Husbandry, and Report Writing.

Prerequisite: Students must be currently employed as a Humane Agent not yet appointed.

Dec. 7-9, 2015 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$150

[Instructional Skills \(80 Hours\)](#)

This two-week course prepares students to write and present lesson plans in a law enforcement setting. Topics include: instruction in the theories of adult education, teaching techniques, lesson plan development, student learning objectives, platform teaching skills, facilitative learning, evaluation and measurement, working with problem learners, and training aid usage. This is an academically challenging course merging theory and practice. Students will be required to develop and present a 15-minute lesson plan, a 30-minute lesson plan, and a 45-minute course of instruction. Participants will work an average of 20-30 hours outside of the classroom in the evening and weekends to prepare for classroom presentations.

Note: There is a pre-course assignment which will be assigned approximately 30 days prior to the start of the course. This course meets one of the requirements for certification as a unit instructor in commission-approved programs, other qualifications for certification for Peace Officer Basic Training

(codes.ohio.gov/oac/109:2-1-06); Corrections Basic Training (codes.ohio.gov/oac/109:2-9-05); Private Security Training (codes.ohio.gov/oac/109:2-3-05).

Dec. 7-18, 2015 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$450

Jan. 25-Feb. 5, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$450

[Regional Legal Update](#)

This half day legal update training will cover recent case and statutory law in the areas of search & seizure, Miranda warnings, and laws of arrest. Hypothetical fact patterns will be utilized to facilitate instruction.

Dec. 10, 2015 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Worthington Division of Police

6555 Worthington-Galena Rd

Worthington, OH

Cost: Free

[Stops & Approaches Instructor Update](#)

The Stops & Approaches Instructor Update is intended to provide Stops & Approaches instructors with the changes to the updated lesson plan for the 8-5 topic of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission's Peace Officer Basic Training Program. This update is required for all certified instructors of the 8-5 section of the OPOTC Peace Officer Basic Training in order to maintain their instructor certification in this topic. A pre-course assignment, written test, and practical assessment must be successfully completed in order to pass the course and retain certification.

Prerequisite: Applicants must be currently certified as a Peace Officer Basic Training instructor for the 8-5 Stops & Approaches topic of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission's Peace Officer Basic Training Program.

Dec. 17, 2015 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$65

Jan. 19, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$65

Jan. 21, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$65

[Corrections Basic Training](#)

This course fulfills the training requirement per Ohio Administrative Code for new or newly assigned correctional staff. The training covers all topics and training hours mandated by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission.

***Students must be sponsored by an agency to attend this training (i.e., no open enrollment permitted).**

Note: Some courses will require tests of the students' physical skills and abilities. Students should also be prepared for homework as upkeep of a notebook is required to pass the course.

Jan. 4-29, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: \$350

[Policing in the 21st Century](#)

This course will satisfy eight hours of CPT training for 2016. It will include topics on police-community relations, de-escalation of persons in crisis, and constitutional use of force.

Jan. 4, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
OPOTA Main Campus
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW
London, OH
Cost: Free

Jan. 11, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
OPOTA Richfield
4055 Highlander Parkway
Richfield, OH
Cost: Free

[Patrol Drug Operations](#)

This course is designed for all patrol officers. Topics include: development of street informants, recognition of high risk zones, search methods (single and double), probable cause and search, search warrants, surveillance methods, and directed patrol strategies.

Featured London instructor: James Roy Jr.

Featured Richfield instructor: Sgt. Michael Gerardi, Willoughby Hills P.D.; Sgt. Neil Laughlin & Trooper Michael Trader, Ohio State Patrol

Jan. 12-13, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, OH

Cost: \$100

[Marijuana Identification](#)

This course is for peace officers involved in narcotics investigations or who require training in marijuana identification. This purpose is to develop or improve skills in the scientific identification of marijuana using chemical and microscopic techniques. Instruction covers the use of the modified Duquenois-Levine test, the effervescence test and 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.

Jan. 12-13, 2016 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPOTA Main Campus

1650 St Rt 56 SW

London, OH

Cost: \$250

[Ohio Gang Investigator Specialist Training](#)

This training will include presentations on Ohio gang statutes, search-and-seizure issues, state and federal forfeiture, crime mapping and intelligence, electronic evidence collection and preservation, discovery, electronic surveillance issues, and open source networks. Case studies will be presented from intelligence gathering to investigation through prosecution. Assisting in the training are former and current state and federal prosecutors, experts from the Cleveland PD Homicide and Gang Units, and intelligence experts from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

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OPOTA Richfield

4055 Highlander Parkway

Richfield, OH

Cost: Free