Protecting Ohio Together at Law Enforcement Conference

With finite resources and increasingly cunning criminals, law enforcement agencies across Ohio and the nation have to work harder, smarter, and more collaboratively than ever before. At the Ohio Attorney General’s 2018 Law Enforcement Conference, the focus will be on collaboration and partnerships among agencies and departments.

Speakers at this year’s opening ceremony will review a close-to-home example of this year’s theme, Protecting Ohio Together. Attendees will hear a firsthand public safety account of the ISIS-inspired attack by an Ohio State University student on campus nearly two years ago. The 18-year-old student purposely drove his car into a group of people, jumped out of his car, and began chasing and slashing at others nearby. Ultimately, he was shot and killed by an OSU officer. Monica Moll, director of public safety at OSU, and interim police chief Kimberly Spears-McNatt will discuss the public safety response to the attack, including topics such as unified command, campus community alerts, and media relations.

In addition, the duo will explore how partnerships helped the OSU community respond to and recover from the attack and how such partnerships are essential to law enforcement operations and community safety. Moll and Spears-McNatt also plan to share the lessons learned from the incident that have created an even more connected public safety community.

Registration is open until Oct. 15 for the conference, which will run Oct. 25-26 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. The conference fee for two days of training and lunches is $125. For more information, contact the Ohio Attorney General’s Office.

Recruiting Fair Planned

The Ohio Attorney General’s Office and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) will present a law enforcement recruiting fair this fall at Sinclair Community College in Dayton.

The fair, hosted in partnership with Sinclair, is open to those interested in becoming peace officers, peace officers interested in becoming OPOTA instructors, those interested in employment opportunities in the Attorney General’s Office, and basic training commanders and agency recruiters.

Recruiters from police academies, law enforcement agencies, and various sections of the Attorney General’s Office will be in attendance. Register online for the Law Enforcement Recruiting Fair.

Oct. 31, 2018
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Staying Safe While Responding to Emergencies

The Responder Training Program (RTP) was developed by responders for responders to promote consistent training. The training focuses on the three objectives of the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) National Unified Goal: responder safety; safe, quick clearance; and prompt, reliable, and interoperable communications.

Students will learn more about the dangers encountered by emergency responders working in or near traffic, safe vehicle positioning, traffic management, towing and recovery communications and more.

All TIM disciplines are welcome to attend the course, including: communications, emergency management, emergency medical services (EMS), fire/rescue, law enforcement, towing and recovery and transportation/public works. Registration for the course is on site.

Nov. 13, 2018
8 a.m.-noon, 1 p.m. -5 p.m.
OPOTA/ Tactical Training Center
1960 U.S. Route 42 SW
London, OH 43140

Gaining Surveillance Photography Skills

Taking quality photos during covert operations can be difficult. Students who attend Surveillance Photography will learn how to produce clear, useful photos for investigative work.

This four-day course is designed for any investigator who takes surveillance photos and includes field work and two night exercises. Students will learn proper control of focus modes, shutter speed, camera stabilization methods, and other camera settings in stationary and moving operations. Instructors will use lecture, demonstration, and practical exercises. Photography experience is helpful but not necessary; instructors will review the minimum fundamentals of camera operation on the first day of class.

Equipment Required: Participants should bring a digital single-lens reflex camera with telephoto lens, camera battery charger, and memory cards. They should wear appropriate clothing for field work. Some OPOTA equipment is available for students who are unable to bring their own.

NOTE: The second and third days of the course will run from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. to provide for low-light exercises.
Did You Know?

Did you know all officers must have completed their statutorily mandated training by Dec. 31, 2018, or they may not function as a peace officer? The status of an officer’s statutorily mandated training will be reflected on the 2018 agency annual rosters, which are sent to all agencies. Agencies must report completions to the state, similar to reporting continuing professional training (CPT). All statutorily mandated training can be completed on eOPOTA.