The Ohio General Assembly has invested $15 million to fund Continuing Professional Training (CPT) this year — one of the largest single investments in peace officer training in the state’s history. The training requires every law enforcement officer (LEO) in Ohio — roughly 33,000 in all — to take 24 hours of instruction in 2022.

NEW LOCAL TRAINING BY EXPERTS

To provide training closer to where LEOs live and work, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA), part of the Attorney General’s Office, are working with five regional partners to deliver in-person training regionally. The in-person training sites, chosen based on location and other factors, are delivering — or soon will be delivering — CPT curriculum and other high-quality advanced training courses that have been certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC).

These are the five initial regional training providers. Some providers are expected to offer courses at multiple satellite locations in their regions.

- Lorain County Community College, Elyria
- Kent State University, Trumbull County campus, Warren
- Clark State College, Springfield, and its partner, Ohio Hi-Point Career Center, Bellefontaine
- Hocking College, Nelsonville
- Great Oaks Career Campuses, Cincinnati
TWO WAYS TO TRAIN

In addition to in-person training, OPOTA also offers online training. Please note that information about courses and registration is available at different portals on the OPOTA website depending on which delivery method is desired:

In-person training: https://opota.ohioattorneygeneral.gov
Online training: https://opotaonline.inquisiqlms.com

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 16 hours of CPT must be from the following seven categories, although the entire 24-hour requirement can be met with these topics (four hours in six different categories). OPOTA developed the curriculum and offers classes through OPOTA Online in each of these areas.

- Cultural Humility: Diversity, Inclusion, Equity: 4 hours (mandatory)
- Responding to Mental Health: 4 hours
- Use of Force: 4 hours
- Legal Updates: 4 hours
- Officer Personal Wellness: 4 hours
- Responding to Sexual Assaults: 4 hours
- Domestic Violence: 4 hours

Eight hours can be from courses with curriculum designed for the following 10 categories, based on standards set by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. OPOTA offers some in-person classes that can satisfy the requirements of several categories. Officers should check with their own agency or other agencies about the availability of classes in these categories.

- Law Enforcement Response to Mass Protests/Demonstrations
- Standards for Law Enforcement Vehicular Pursuit
- Investigation of Employee Misconduct
- Bias Free Policing
- Law Enforcement Telecommunicator Training
- Body Worn Cameras
- Use of Deadly Force
- Employee Recruitment and Hiring
- Community Engagement
- Agency Wellness

TRAINING DEVELOPED LOCALLY

Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to submit any CPT curriculum they have developed for approval by OPOTC. With such approval, the curriculum can be used for CPT credit.

The pre-approval form and completed details can be found at this link: https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/CPT

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