

## Sheryl Shaw

---

**From:** Mary E. Davis  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 4:17 PM  
**Subject:** 2016 Continuing Professional Training (CPT) - 11 hours

Agency Administrator,

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 109.803, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) is required to set a minimum number of hours of continuing professional training (CPT). The minimum number of hours is based upon funding available for reimbursement. The Ohio Legislature, via House Bill 64, has provided funding and mandated that peace officers and troopers complete 11 hours of CPT for calendar year 2016. Between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, every appointing authority shall require each of its appointed peace officers and troopers to complete 11 hours of CPT. For public appointing authorities, as defined in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) section 109:2-18-01(D), to be eligible for reimbursement of training costs, CPT hours must include critical subject training as outlined below and the public appointing authority must comply with the annual roster reporting requirements of ORC 109.761(B). The reporting of the 2016 CPT hours will be reflected on your annual roster that is due by January 31, 2017.

Officers can take any training on general law enforcement subject(s) to meet the 11 hours required by law. However, the training must meet the requirements of OAC 109:2-18, serve a recognized law enforcement purpose, and have significant intellectual or practical content, the primary objective of which shall be to improve a participant's professional competence as a peace officer or trooper. Non-OPOTA courses must be pre-approved by OPOTC. If reimbursement is desired, officers and troopers must take training on the below critical subjects as selected by Attorney General DeWine (in **bold**) from recommendations of his Advisory Group on Law Enforcement Training.

- **Community-Police Relations (e.g., Implicit Bias, Procedural Justice, Blue Courage)** (4 hours)
- **Crisis De-escalation with Focus on Mental Illness** (2 hours)
- **Constitutional Use of Force** (2 hours)
- **Human Trafficking** (1 hour)
- General Law Enforcement (2 hours)

While there are no specific courses that must be taken to fulfill the 9 hours of critical subjects and 2 hours of general law enforcement, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) will provide new course offerings that can be used to fulfill each hour.

- *Policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* – This new, live, 8-hour course 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
- **Human Trafficking Update** – 1 hour, on eOPOTA
- For the 2 hours of general law enforcement training, OPOTA will add five new, 1-hour eOPOTA courses
  - *Disability Training for Emergency Planners: Serving People with Disabilities*
  - *Dose of Reality for Law Enforcement Officers: Being a safe and critical consumer of prescription drugs*
  - *Procedural Justice & Police Legitimacy*
  - *The Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) for Law Enforcement*
  - *Companion Animal Encounters*

Beginning in 2016, we will also be live-streaming *Policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* online. This will allow your staff to receive live training without having to travel to a classroom. More information on how to sign up for this webcast will be distributed to you as it becomes available.

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](#).

Closer to year's end, you will be sent the *2016 CPT General Information and FAQ's* document to assist you and your officers with fulfilling the 2016 requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact the office, at 740-845-2700, with questions or concerns.

Regards,



Mary E. Davis, Executive Director  
Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission/Academy  
1650 St. Rt. 56 SW  
London, Ohio 43140  
[Mary.Davis@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](mailto:Mary.Davis@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov)  
740-845-2700

cc: OPOTC members, OPOTC/A staff