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The Scenario Training Equipment Program

STEP is a cost-effective method to bring force-on-force, scenario-based training to Ohio's law enforcement officers. The program provides an inventory of training equipment that the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, part of the Attorney General's Office, manages like a library. The equipment is organized in kits and available free to agencies to borrow.



Each kit includes:

- Training pistols.
- AR-style training rifles.
- Marking cartridges.
- Training Tasers, pepper spray and batons.
- Protective gear for students, role players and instructors.
- Role-player props.

To use the equipment:

- Agencies must send at least one instructor to OPOTA's Scenario Based Training Instructor course.
- Agencies must submit a safety plan and scenario lesson plan. The lesson plans must meet minimum standards, and OPOTA may conduct inspections of the training.

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To register for OPOTA's Scenario Based Training Instructor course, visit

www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTACourses.



Program benefits:

- Address local hot topics.
- Conduct training during any shift.
- Teach and enforce their own policies and procedures.
- Customize the training. (For example, detectives could do one type of scenario and patrol officers, another.)
- Save money by borrowing equipment, managing training overtime and cutting down on travel.



Instructor class overview

OPOTA's Scenario Based Training Instructor course teaches the safest and most effective ways to conduct force-on-force training. Some of the topics covered:

- Psychological and physiological effects of stress on human performance
- Safely creating stress during training
- Developing scenarios to meet your agency's needs
- Documenting scenario-based training
- Managing the logistical challenges of training
- Best practices for debriefing
- Increasing officer performance

The process

To take part in STEP:

- 1 Attend the instructor class.
- 2 Request a kit. (Agencies have three weeks to use it.)
- 3 Submit safety and lesson plans.
- 4 Upon final approval, accept the kit dropped off by an OPOTA representative.
- 5 Train your agency. (OPOTA may inspect training.)
- 6 Await kit pickup by an OPOTA representative.



For more information, send an email to AskOPOTA@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.