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OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012

HELD AT THE

OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY

1650 STATE ROUTE 56 SW

LONDON, OHIO 43140

MINUTES

I. OPENING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Vernon Stanforth called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
Colonel John Born led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Donna Long called the Roll.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth
Sheriff Thomas G. Maurer
Chief Paul Denton
Mr. Stephen Schumaker
Colonel John Born
Chief Ronald Ferrell – arrived at 9:15 a.m.
Sergeant Troy Mineard

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Jeff Clark — Attorney General's Office

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GUESTS AND STAFF

S/LT Mike Crispen	Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy
Mr. Ellis "Pete" Willis	Sinclair Community College
Mr. Geoffrey Barnard	Cleveland Heights Police Department
Mr. Robert Fiatal	OPOTC Executive Director
Ms. Donna Long	OPOTC Secretary
Ms. Amy O'Grady	OPOTC Deputy Director
Mr. John Green	OPOTC Deputy Director
Mr. Lou Agosta	OPOTC Deputy Director
Mr. Aaron Coey	OPOTC Law Enforcement Training Officer
Ms. Sarah Thomas	OPOTC Law Enforcement Training Officer
Ms. Mary Davis	OPOTC Deputy Director
Ms. Arienne Fauber	OPOTC Staff
Ms. Tiffany Cerana	OPOTC Staff
Ms. Mary Broyles	OPOTC Staff
Ms. Lori Wachtel	OPOTC Staff
Mr. Justin Hykes	OPOTC Staff
Ms. Brittany Thompson	OPOTC Staff
Mr. Scott Weimer	OPOTC Staff
Mr. James D. Daniels	OPOTA LETO
Mr. Kerry Curtis	OPOTA LETO
Mr. Dave Peters	OPOTA LETO

II. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Sheriff Maurer motioned that the minutes of the November 17, 2011, meeting be approved. Mr. Stephen Schumaker seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed favorably.

Chairperson Stanforth had nothing to report for the Chairperson report. He announced that LETO Dave Peters would be retiring on February 3, 2012. Mr. Peters was thanked with a round of applause.

III. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Chief Paul Denton
Committee Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Denton stated that the curriculum committee has worked with Deputy Director Davis and her team on the basic peace officer training lesson plan updates. They have reviewed and will be prepared to submit to the OPOTC during the March 15, 2012 meeting.

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Committee Chairperson Denton has been working with Executive Director Fiatal on a firearms requalification course for shotgun. Mr. Fiatal will share those details in the commission and academy updates report.

He is also advising and working with Executive Director Fiatal on several eOPOTA courses.

Committee Chairperson Denton introduced Deputy Director Mary Davis who gave an update on the curriculum. Ms. Davis stated that for the March 15, 2012 OPOTC meeting that they would be asking for approximately 39 lesson plans be recommended for approval. Those will cover three different curriculums with a release date in May 2012 and an effective date of July 1, 2012 upon approval of the OPOTC. In looking forward, the next revision of approximately four curriculums and 45 lesson plans would be effective January 1, 2013.

Ms. Davis stated that a new Word Processor had been added to her staff and upon filling the two LETO positions they would be in a good position to continue with their task.

That concluded the Curriculum Committee Report.

IV. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE Troy Mineard
Committee Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Mineard stated that there had been no new bills signed by the Governor at this time. That concluded the Legislative Committee Report.

V. HOUSE COMMITTEE Colonel John Born
Committee Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Born stated that there was nothing new to report for the House Committee and they plan to meet again later 2012. That concluded the House Committee Report.

VI. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE Sheriff Thomas G. Maurer
Committee Chairperson

Committee Chairperson Maurer stated that at this point he asked the OPOTC for a motion to move forward on the change of legislation for the Continuing Professional Training (CPT). The committee had been in contact with the Buckeye State Sheriffs Association, Ohio State Highway Patrol, and The Ohio Chiefs Association all who support this change. Chairperson Maurer passed the revised rules reflecting the strikeouts and changes for the OPOTC to review.

Chairperson Stanforth asked Committee Chairperson Maurer to go through and highlight the changes that were made so that some discussion could be generated.

Committee Chairperson Maurer stated that the primary change was that the appointing authority; which would be the chief, sheriff, or administrator of an agency would have the ability to govern the training that goes out to their officers, department, or office. We have set

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a minimum of four hours. Executive Director Fiatal has indicated that those four hours could be completed on eOPOTA. Any other training that the agency has had can also be authorized. This allows us to continue with the procedure of collecting the rosters at OPOTA. It is very important that the committee identify the hard work of collecting the roster over the last several years are not lost. There are several benefits for obtaining the roster. OPOTA has stepped up to the plate and has indicated their training will be in line with the four hours or more that the agencies may want to produce over the years. Until monies are available this will be an unfunded mandate. There was no maximum hours required. There was little resistance from the chiefs, sheriffs, or the Patrol to make this change.

Mr. Fiatal stated that at Committee Chairperson Maurer's request along with Ms. O'Grady and Mr. Hykes they took a look at the current statute and tried to make the adjustments that are before the OPOTC in the handout supplied by Sheriff Maurer. The adjustment would generally fall into the general description of the changes in the CPT statutes. It eliminates both the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund and the reimbursement portion; it essentially gets rid of the reimbursement as well as the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund which was used to support that reimbursement.

Mr. Scott Weimer, Business Manager for OPOTC stated that currently there is about $500,000.00 in the fund. Mr. Fiatal stated that we never applied that money to reimbursement because it costs us $700,000.00 a year for one hour. He proposed that the money be applied towards the development of eOPOTA courses. Currently there are 65 different eOPOTA courses; we just recently posted four more within the last month and are currently in the developing stage of three more. We have learned this is a very effective way, especially with today's economic distress, to deliver training. All 65 eOPOTA courses are one hour in length. We also realize this is an effective way of delivering courses and very cost effective as well. Mr. Fiatal went on to say that OPOTA has increased their regional training and that the State Highway Patrol is also doing a lot of regional training also.

We did change the language in OAC 109:2-18-03, Training and instructor qualification, to basically allow the discretion of the agency to determine the content as well as the way their officers receive that instruction.

Deputy Director Amy O'Grady stated that with the addition of the statutory changes in it, it will also help us with roster requirements.

Chief Denton asked if this was an opportunity to impose some sanctions to any agency who failed to submit their rosters. What could happen if an agency doesn't submit a roster? Mr. Fiatal replied that cease function is a possibility under the ORC. Mr. Fiatal stated that by imposing cease functions for agencies who don't reply you take the risk of leaving smaller agencies without law enforcement.

Mr. Jeff Clark, Legal Counsel for OPOTC recalled some of the history in CPT had always been the discussion when that was a formal part of the consideration. It was disproportionate to the failings of sanctions of this proportion. Also, there was an implicit threat that if an officer is involved in a use of force or situation where they missed, say a domestic situation where they should have received their departments training, the plaintiff's counsel and any kind of civil litigation is going to pounce right on it. It is everyone's interest to get their

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required training for that reason alone. But, as Mr. Clark understands it, the gentler version is getting near 100% compliance.

Chief Ferrell commented that they had spoken one time about the rosters being reported to BCI/OH-LEG. Chief Ferrell asked if there had been any discussion into that. Mr. Fiatal responded that not everyone is on OH-LEG.

Colonel Born asked if this was going to be a standalone bill. Mr. Fiatal responded that everything we have, we have shared with Scott Corbitt, Attorney General's Director of Policy and Legislation Section, and he believes he will be able to find a writer, but hasn't identified them yet.

Colonel Born asked if we were anticipating this becoming a change in statute this year. Mr. Fiatal stated that it would be more like 2013.

Chief Ferrell asked about an officer in a small agency who hadn't received the four hours training and transferred to a new agency. What would their status be? Mr. Fiatal responded that the officer would still be required to take the mandated training with the new agency.

Committee Chairperson Maurer stated that was one of the beauties of the roster. It allows tracking of each officer's training. Mr. Fiatal stated that when they started CPT and everyone was submitting their agency roster it showed all kinds of people for discrepancy for the CPT Statutory mandates.

Chairperson Stanforth stated that a transfer couldn't take place because the officer was not compliable because they are noncompliant. Sheriff Maurer also mentioned that the BSSA was working with the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections to change the status of the 24 hour mandates on the correction officer to four; in a line with new legislation with the CPT.

Committee Chairperson Maurer gave thanks to the OPOTC staff for revamping the legislative changes.

Chairperson Stanforth asked if a motion would be appropriate.

MOTION

Sheriff Maurer made the motion to accept the proposed changes that have been passed around the table, to accept the changes in the CPT laws to make a minimum of four hours mandatory training for Ohio Peace Officers. The motion was seconded by Sgt. Troy Mineard.

A roll call vote was taken with OPOTC members Stanforth, Maurer, Mineard, Schumaker, Denton, and Born all voting in favor of the motion. Ferrell voted against the motion. Members O'Connor and Anthony were absent from the meeting. The vote passed with a 6 to 1 vote. The motion passed with the recommendation to be forwarded on to the Attorney General.

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Chairperson Stanforth thanked the staff for their work on the revisions to the CPT rule. With no further matters to discuss, that concluded the Continuing Professional Training report.

STAFF REPORT

VII. COMMISSION AND ACADEMY UPDATES

Executive Director Robert Fiatal

Mr. Fiatal announced the date for the 2012 Law Enforcement Memorial will be on Thursday, May 3, 2012. The OPOTC Members need to avail at 9:30 a.m. for their participation with the 10:00 a.m. Survivors Ceremony prior to the ceremony which will start at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Fiatal also announced that the Attorney General's 2012 Law Enforcement Conference would be held on October 25-26, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency, in Columbus, Ohio. Most of the workshops and speakers are already in place.

Mr. Fiatal shared that we hope to have in the near future on-line registration. We have been working on this for the past six years. The registrations will take place through OH-LEG. We will still need to obtain the supervisor or approving authority's approval for their officer to attend a course. OPOTA will still accept registration forms through fax and regular mail.

Mr. Fiatal followed up with Chief Denton on the new Shotgun Qualification Course. Currently, it is in the infancy stages. We met with all of our working groups and subject matter experts (SME) and we are right now testing a proposed course which would be an 8 buckshot round course with a 2 round slug optional that will be broken out. Right now we are looking at the time limitations as well as the scoring of that proposed course. The OSHP and OPOTA will be doing surveys. An update report will be given at the March 15, 2012 OPOTC meeting.

Mr. Fiatal asked if Deputy Director Davis would like to say anything more about what we planned for 2012 as far as basic lesson plan updates as well as our other lesson plans. Ms. Davis stated that they had covered the items for January 2013, but haven't got things planned out for July 2013 at this time. We are looking to open up the Humane Agent curriculum, in addition to, Peace Officer Basic, Basic Refresher and the Corrections curriculum basic lesson plans.

Mr. Fiatal stated that we have been working with the BSSA Executive Committee and the Attorney General's Corrections Litigation unit who will be taking care of the legal portion of the Corrections curriculum.

Mr. Fiatal introduced Deputy Director John Green who oversees the regional training and eOPOTA courses. Mr. Green stated that we have 65 on-line courses. Mr. Green has had the opportunity to meet with some of the sheriffs and chiefs at their monthly meeting. The on-line training seems to be really popular; it allows officers in the field, especially with the technology that is available to use Mobile Data Terminal (MDT), to take the courses so we have expanded that. We are currently working with the Department of Public Safety and OSHP with the update OH-1 report. We have a story board completed, which is basically a

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script, and we hope to have that done within the next month or so to allow law enforcement officers to access that.

Mr. Green stated that we are also working on a First Responder Sexual Assault course now and then what we call the alpha stage which is basically where you are working off the actual script located online. Also, we are working on Campus Law Enforcement Security Title 9; we currently have a story board in place. Mr. Green shared some of the new regional training things being done for 2012. The following new courses have been added: Inhalant Abuse, Ethics, and Interacting with Special Population Group has been requested and staff are teaching it regionally. Legal Update and Civil Liability will continue due to the popularity of the courses. We are essentially able to review the areas that come up or some chiefs or sheriffs have concerns about, we can incorporate that into what we are already doing in those courses. We also started Cell Phone Analysis, working with the Columbus Detectives as well.

Mr. Green stated that they are currently in the planning stages of the First Responder Sexual Assault; that will be designed toward the Campus Law Enforcement. Mr. Fiatal gave some background for Mr. Green stating that he is an attorney, former prosecutor with Summit County. He was a Steubenville Police Officer for 12 years and is from Warren County. He is also a graduate from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy.

Mr. Fiatal stated that the OPOTC/OPOTA pride ourselves on customer service. Unfortunately, there does come a time when it's impossible to give the people want they want. Mr. Fiatal went on to explain a couple of issues that he has had to deal with recently.

A hospital which just two months ago was considered a private security force recently gained police officer status. They want to do a Basic Police Officer Academy. Due to statute, we can only approve basic police officer academies administered by the State, counties (sheriff's), state agencies (patrol), municipals (city police), public school districts (JVS), and technical college districts. So the question to the chief of this hospital was, how do you fit into those categories so that we can approve it? His response was, we are affiliated with an online campus which is out of state who delivers all their content online.

Mr. Fiatal stated Mr. Hykes, Legal Counsel went to the Education Statutes and found the definition of technical college districts. Essentially, there is a state university system and they have to be approved by the Board of Regions.

Mr. Fiatal stated that the statute is obvious but that the Chief was dissatisfied. Number one, the law is clear and number two, it could be dangerous to allow out of state online universities to come here to run police academies.

Mr. Fiatal went on to give another example of issues he dealt with. A large city police department hired an out-of-state chief and he came in asking for a prior equivalency determination. We tasked him with 30 hours ORC and that he test out. He was very troubled by that. We are being contacted by a lobbyist trying to overturn our decision. Mr. Fiatal researched the state where the chief came from and found that if one of our officers went to his state they would have to take 90 hours of training.

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Mr. Fiatal addressed the OPOTC; I am here to represent you, if you believe I am wrong you tell me. Mr. Schumaker stated that the bottom line was we had to follow the law. Chief Denton stated that he would be concerned if that lobbyist would be able to do that, without the proper review, input, and assessment of the professional organization. Chief Denton asked that OPOTC be updated on the situation.

Mr. Fiatal expressed that he had received calls from some pretty upset Trainer of Trainers (TOT). Mr. Fiatal explained the situation to them assisting with any questions or concerns.

Colonel Born asked, regarding the TOT issue, if we could discuss this now or during old business. Colonel Born had a few questions; his agency was receiving a large number of phone calls. Colonel Born asked when the last time the OPOTC required TOT's to take mandated update training. Mr. Fiatal responded that OPOTC never required it, that's the problem. There is no statutory authority for anointing TOT's. We don't know who they are or what their certifications are. In the past, they essentially went through and said "we are going to teach your course, therefore, we should be granted equivalency". That was the standard.

Colonel Born stated, that in the last meeting, it was his understanding the large agencies were not going to be impacted by this. Mr. Fiatal stated that he feels it was very clear that all TOT's, whether they were with a large or small agency, would have to come back for an update to maintain that TOT status. That was very clear and was in the minutes. Colonel Born stated that it wasn't in the minutes; there was a line in the minutes discussing exempting large agencies. Mr. Fiatal stated that the larger agencies would be allowed to apply for new status if they are limited to that. Mr. Fiatal asked for the OPOTC to correct him if he was wrong, but the conclusion he heard was that everyone has to go through the updates to maintain that status. Mr. Fiatal asked if Colonel Born would like to bring it back up for a motion, stating he would follow the OPOTC lead on this.

Colonel Born stated that before it gets to a motion that he knows from his perspective there are two issues. One being the time commitment from the small agency or the medium agency, there is also a significant financial commitment. On one side we are cutting the requirement for CPT because of the finances of it, going from 24 hours. Mr. Fiatal stated that we are actually increasing the CPT from zero to four hours. Colonel Born went on to say that changing that statue, for their agency alone, the firearms part of it will cost the OSHP around $5,000.00. Now being a larger agency they can move some things around to absorb the cost. For the smaller and medium size agencies, many of those agencies pay the cost of that fee.

Colonel Born stated that he wasn't sure if this was the best economical time to do that. Mr. Fiatal stated that there is not a fee required, but, there will be charge to come back to the update training; we can't do that for free. Colonel Born stated that there was going to be a cost associated with the training. Mr. Fiatal asked OPOTC Secretary how many letters were sent out to troopers. Ms. Long stated that there were only 46/48 letters send out for the Semi-Automatic TOT Update course and Shotgun TOT Update courses. There weren't a large number of troopers on that list. Mr. Fiatal doesn't see where the figures are coming from based on the letters sent out from OPOTC.

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Mr. Peters gave a historical perspective on the TOT. People say Train the Trainer. What is the TOT; it is not an instructor, an instructor teaches a basic course wherever it is. A student is a participant. The TOT teaches the instructor how to teach the basic course, which would be the second level up. Any agency that has more than 2-3 TOT's plus a backup TOT is unrealistic. There should be more instructors to teach the students. The instructors do the mass training.

Colonel Born questioned why we were doing it now if it's never been in place before. Mr. Peters stated that there were some done in 2003 with the ADAP Program. Mr. Kerry Curtis, LETO OPOTA stated that they also did it in 2007 for the 80 Hour Instructional Skills and the 40 Hour Update.

Mr. Curtis gave an example using Columbus Police Department in regards to the TOT Instructor. Mr. Curtis shared that Columbus has four or five TOT Instructors for Instructional Skills Training. Those five can come for $100.00 each for a total of $500.00. In exchange they can then go back to Columbus and train ten of their officers in the 80 Hour Instructor course. If they were to send them here it would be $400.00 each. So, their commitment to $500.00 is saving them $3500.00 in the long run.

Mr. Curtis went on to say that he stays in close contact with some of the instructors from the Patrol. Since they run the program it provides a chance to share their input. Basically you train a few here at OPOTA and they go to their departments and train the remaining instructors.

After a lengthy discussion Chief Denton proposed that this discussion should take place in an OPOTC Committee Meeting. Upon agreement from the OPOTC Members, Chairperson Stanforth assigned Sheriff Maurer and his CPT Committee to get together and discuss the issues.

Mr. Schumaker asked if we needed any statutory change that may be necessary to add to the legislation. Mr. Fiatal stated nothing was required unless he wanted to recognize TOT Trainer of Trainers and set some standards. Chairperson Stanforth stated it was at our discretion; right now there is no statutory authority. Mr. Schumaker asked, do we need it? Mr. Fiatal replied I guess we could, but watch out, it could be worse.

Sgt. Mineard stated that he was always under the assumption that there was some kind of standard for people who train instructors. Mr. Peters responded that the instructors of OPOTA over the years have taken it upon themselves to raise the bar. No authority was given, or asked for, everyone thought we had it and took it. We contract with people to help us teach, because we watch them and we know their abilities. A certification officer and instructors are needed on the committee. They are the first ones to receive the paperwork and the instructors are seasoned in the courses.

Colonel Born reiterated that we support what you want to do, it is a good thing; you are making it better and more professional. He just feels the execution of it, is in question, with people bringing their concerns to him. They are more than willing to serve on the committee, to figure out how we can minimize the time or financial impact; maybe they can't be avoided.

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Colonel Born stated that in implementing, it was a very good idea and long overdue, he looks forward to working with, and on, the committee.

Chief Ferrell asked if there is no school for Trainer of Trainers then how do the TOT Instructors get blessed as a TOT Instructor. Mr. Curtis responded that it depended on the program. Prior to his coming aboard as the instructor for the Instructor Training course, you had to come back to them for a yearlong process. They came in, attended some training, got up and taught certain blocks. When they felt you had the knowledge to go out and actually teach the course, they gave you the blessing. Mr. Curtis followed along with that the best he could.

Mr. Curtis stated for the 80 Hours Instructor Training course, there are TOT's in place. To develop a new TOT for the 80 Hours Instructor Training course you are looking at 4-5 days. The TOT update course should be 6-8 hours max. He implements problem based learning into the new lesson plans and curriculum; trying to make best product available so we don't get stagnant for another 20 years.

Sheriff Maurer accepted the assignment along with the CPT Committee and the OPOTA Staff. Mr. Fiatal offered the full cooperation of his staff.

Chief Ferrell asked, if we have a TOT Update course and an instructor attends does that TOT Update Course allow that TOT to actually teach TOT Update courses? Mr. Curtis responded, No, they need to all come through him and through OPOTA.

Chairperson Stanforth confirmed that Sheriff Maurer and CPT Committee will take the task and create a subcommittee appropriately for all the party's involved and move forward with it.

That concluded the staff report.

VIII. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u> Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

Colonel Born thanked the Director and staff. His staff has been working since we implemented this new firearms course. There has been no consternation of working towards a marksman course verses officer safety. We have implemented it, we have supplemented it, and we will embrace this in 2012. We have been working with the Director with some scoring changes/recommendations down the road. They have decided as an agency they are going to adapt to this 25 round course, starting it this year. They have added a 75 round, what they are calling an officer safety course, which they are running with it.

IX. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u> Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

Chief Ferrell stated that the reason he descended on the CPT vote is because he felt with his discussion with Chief Martin from Delaware, as we had the same discussion a couple of years ago. A one hour CPT, we felt that is a sham. With the resources that are available now with eOPOTA, Regional training, he believes that the 4 hours sends the wrong message, he doesn't feel it's enough training. The people, who usually violate any statute, pay no attention to roster or any other issues, will continue to be there, and continue to not be trained. He doesn't believe it goes far enough to enforce that. Volunteer training if you can train someone in four

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hours in some kind of role call setting whatever the case may be. In a statement that he sent to Chief Martin, he believes it sends a message that those four hours is good enough for Ohio and gives people the excuse not to move forward towards a more aggressive training model.

Chairperson Stanforth stated that he would agree with him, but except for the fact that the OPOTC's role is to establish minimum standards not the maximum standards. They are recommending a minimum of four hours and that should be our task rather than suggesting a maximum hours.

Chief Ferrell feels that people are going to look at that and think that's the standard. That's what they should strive for. Chairperson Stanforth responded that granted there were going to be some of them that striving for four hours is going to be a task. Chief Ferrell stated that with eOPOTA and the Regional Training courses, people should be having a lot more training hours.

Sheriff Maurer stated that for the last twelve years he has served as the elected person on the MAGLOCLEN Board along with Mr. Thomas Strickrath with B.C.I. & I. In November, they were handed a 40% reduction on federal grant. With that reduction of 40% they have cancelled all conferences, a lot of their training programs, and travel. They are still formatting their 2012 budget and with all these deductions they are still looking at a deficit of about $700,000.00 of unaddressed monies going into 2012. The remaining cuts will probably end up being in personnel. In February, a group including him will be going to Washington to contact direct leaders of the appropriations, communicating the success stories of MAGLOCLEN along with training that they co-hosted with OPOTA in many agencies throughout Ohio and the other seven states attached to Ohio.

Sheriff Maurer went on to share that in 2013 this is another long set year. This year they have asked for a survey to go out and get back to MAGLOCLEN as to the agencies priorities that they see fit or through this organization. For 2012, it will be a year of catch your breath and get through it. They are not stimulating anything new; they are just stepping back trying to maintain what they have with some deductions. A lot of that will be field training, co-hosting, etc. They have thrust out in front with the I.T. world throughout the United States for officer assistance with GangNet and resources available through that agency through Federal, State, and Local agencies. A 40% percent cut is going to be very serious for that agency. If you are a member you will be kept apprised of the transition for 2012 and they are hopeful 2013 some wiser people will get ahold of the appropriations and see that crime is not going away and that this partnership with law enforcement agencies is very essential for the safety of the United States.

Chairperson Stanforth reminded the OPOTC Members to file their Financial Disclosure Forms by April16, 2012. All OPOTC Members are required to complete that form.

Chairperson Stanforth asked if there was any further new business to discuss. That concluded the new business.

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X. **GUEST FORUM** Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

Chairperson Stanforth opened the meeting to public comments and/or concerns.

Mr. Ellis "Pete" Willis from Sinclair College commended the staff of OPOTC. He expressed that he has received excellent customer support at OPOTA. They started the basic academies that week, at the last moment they picked up a couple prior equivalencies from an agency and because we were in a new curriculum the OPOTA staff had to do a quick analysis of the training. The staff provided a speedy turn around and they were able to stay on schedule.

Chairperson Stanforth thanked Mr. Willis for sharing with the OPOTC Members.

Chief Denton shared that in October the Campus Law Enforcement Committee had a Summit on Campus Safety. Attorney General Mike DeWine offered, through OPOTA, that any training needed would be available. Chief Denton wanted to commend the Executive Director and the staff for moving forward on that training and for making good on that promise.

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Colonel Born motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stephen Schumaker seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Time: 10:36 a.m.

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Chairperson

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