OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012

HELLED 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 10:05 a.m.
Chairperson Vernon Stanforth led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Donna Long called the Roll.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth
Sheriff Thomas G. Maurer
Mr. Stephen Schumaker
SAC Stephen Anthony
Chief Ronald Ferrell
Sergeant Troy Mineard
Ms. Linda O’Connor
Chief Paul Denton
Lt. Mike Crispin, OSP Academy - in proxy for Col. John Born. No voting authority

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE

Ms. Bridget Coontz
Ms. Morgin Linn

Attorney General’s Office
Attorney General’s Office
GUESTS AND STAFF

Ms. Anne Ford
Mr. Jason Groppe
Mr. James Craig
Mr. Nathaniel Jones
Mr. David Peppers
Mr. Jonathan Groppe
Ms. Ashley Burcato
Ms. Kelly Shore
Mr. Robert Fiatal
Ms. Donna Long
Mr. Glenn Hartong
Mr. Dennis Swingley
Captain Paul Humphries
Ms. Carrie Whitaker
Ms. Lori Rinehart
Ms. Lisa Murray
Ms. Erin Sainato
Mr. Eric Schaefer
Ms. Mary Davis
Mr. Aaron Coey
Mr. Justin Hykes
Ms. Lori Wachtel
Ms. Jill Gregory
Ms. Kathleen Barch
Ms. Alice Robinson-Bond
Mr. Roger Le
Ms. Mary Broyles
Mr. Eric Landversicht
Ms. Arienne Fauber
Mr. Dan Tierney
Ms. Brittany Thompson
Mr. Lou Agosta
Mr. Rick Meadows
Mr. Scott Weimer

Anderson Court Reporting Firm
Law Firm of Blank Rome
Cincinnati Police Department
Law Firm of Blank Rome
Law Firm of Blank Rome
Law Firm of Blank Rome
OPOTC Staff
OPOTC Executive Director
OPOTC Secretary
Cincinnati Enquirer
Cincinnati Police Department
Cincinnati Enquirer
OPOTC Staff
OPOTC Staff
Attorney General’s Office
OPOTC Staff
OPOTC Staff
OPOTC Staff
OPOTC Law Enforcement Training Officer
OPOTC Staff
OPOTC Staff
OPOTC Staff
Central Ohio Technical College
OPOTC Deputy Director
OPOTC Staff
OPOTC Staff
Ohio Department of Education
OPOTC Staff
Attorney General’s Office
OPOTC Staff
OPOTA Deputy Director
OPOTA Staff
OPOTA Staff

II. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Sheriff Thomas Maurer motioned that the minutes of the May 17, 2012, meeting be approved. Chief Paul Denton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed favorably.
III. CHAPTER 119 HEARING

Chairperson Stanforth asked the OPOTC Members for a motion for adjournment from the OPOTC regular meeting for the purpose the 119 Hearing.

MOTION

Mr. Stephen Schumaker so moved for the motion. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Thomas Maurer. The vote passed favorably and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

At 1:45 p.m. Chairperson Stanford asked for a motion to reconvene for OPOTC Commission meeting.

MOTION

Mr. Stephen Schumaker motioned that the OPOTC meeting go back into session. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Thomas Maurer. The vote passed favorably and the motion carried.

IV. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Chairperson Denton stated that the curriculum committee met prior to the OPOTC meeting and had one item on the agenda for discussion; the Legal Unit I-Topic 2, Canine Evaluator Training Curriculum. This will update several legal changes and it would be the motion of the Curriculum Committee to accept the curriculum changes.

MOTION

Chairperson Stanforth asked if there was a motion to approve the curriculum changes. Mr. Stephen Schumaker so moved the motion. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Maurer.

DISCUSSION

Chief Ferrell asked how the new criteria would affect the current evaluators. Chairperson Denton responded that there was no criteria change.

Mr. Fiatal replied the changes were all in the legal curriculum and Chairperson Denton referred to the copy of the curriculum stating the criteria for evaluators reflecting no change. Mr. Fiatal stated that the lesson was in need of an update in the Legal Standards Unit 1, Topic 2, and providing more emphasis on the liability of using trial dogs, drug dogs, and bomb dogs and being able to establish probable cause by Ohio Standards.

Mr. Fiatal thanked Ms. Coontz for all her work and research on the curriculum.
The discussion concluded and the motion was approved unanimously by members.

That concluded the Curriculum Committee Report.

V. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Troy Mineard
Committee Chairperson

Sgt. Mineard stated that there was nothing to report. That concluded the Legislative Committee Report.

VI. HOUSE COMMITTEE

Colonel John Born
Committee Chairperson

S/Lt. Crispin on behalf of Colonel John Born stated that there was nothing to report. That concluded the House Committee Report.

VII. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE

Sheriff Thomas G. Maurer
Committee Chairperson

Sheriff Maurer stated that the Attorney General’s Office and OPOTA are continuing their talks as far as the CPT and Casino matters.

That concluded the Continuing Professional Training Committee Report.

Chief Ferrell asked the Executive Director to update us on the Human Trafficking changes. Mr. Fiatal stated that an Emergency Statue passed by the Legislator making Human Trafficking Course mandated training for all officers of Ohio. We provided information to all agency heads within two days of passing. OPOTA offers two, one hour courses through e-OPOTA. Courses are currently being updated and the Human Trafficking courses satisfy the mandate, with the exception of CPT. Mandated courses can’t satisfy CPT. There is no funding for CPT; this is a separate issue from CPT.

STAFF REPORT

VIII. COMMISSION AND ACADEMY UPDATES

Executive Director Robert Fiatal

Mr. Fiatal introduced new staff members Eric Schaefer, LETO Training Coordinator, Anne Laux, Compliance Officer and Richard Meadows, LETO.

Mr. Fiatal explained that the proposed Shotgun Qualification Course packet was in the OPOTC member’s folders for review. We are on the survey portion and this was to familiarize them with that. We are in the feedback stage at this time.

Mr. Schumaker asked Mr. Fiatal to update staff on ordering of simulators and casino money received. Mr. Fiatal shared that according to the current statue, 85% of the 2% of the casino taxes are to go to OPOTA for additional advanced training. The Attorney General, Mike DeWine’s direction is that we increase regional training efforts which have been well accepted by law enforcement and we know of no other states that train this way. Mr. Fiatal agrees with that direction. We will be taking skilled training on the road in the form of
driving and firearm simulators. The funds will be used to purchase the simulators and cover expenses. Mr. Schumaker stated that $330,000.00 was received as the first disputation of the casino taxes. The goal is to have the simulators in time for the Attorney General’s Law Enforcement Conference on October 25-26, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus.

Chief Denton stated that we are receiving positive feedback on the Firearm Qualification course. The OH-1 Training is also going well.

Mr. Fiatal stated that we are breaking out a regional Active Shooter Training, Response to Active Shooter, and First Responder Negotiation’s Techniques.

Chief Ferrell asked where the Racino money goes. Mr. Fiatal replied those funds go to the Lottery Commission.

That concluded the staff report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

There was no old business to report.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

Ms. Linda O’Connor reminder the OPORTC that the School Safety Summit will be on July 24, 2012 at the Quest Center (Polaris) in Columbus beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Ms. O’Connor shared that new legislation House Bill 262 directs the State Board of Cosmetology to supply posters concerning awareness of human trafficking to all schools, salons, and facilities licensed by the Board.

That concluded the new business report.

X. GUEST FORUM

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

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

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Sgt. Troy Mineard motioned to adjourn the meeting. SAC Stephen Anthony seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Time: 2:05 p.m.

Chairperson

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