

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation Investigative Report



2024-3862 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 234 Mansfield Avenue, Shelby, Ohio 44875, Richland County

| Investigative Activity: | Review Involved Officer Personnel File |
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| Involves: | Sergeant Noah Kocher (S) |
| Activity Date: | 12/16/2024 |
| Activity Location: | 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio, 44286 |
| Authoring Agent: | SA John P. Tingley |

Narrative:

On Monday, December 16, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (SA Tingley) received the personnel file for Sergeant Noah Kocher from the Shelby Police Department (SPD) Chief Lance Combs. SA Tingley reviewed the personnel file and noted the following:

Personnel File:

Sergeant Kocher was hired by the SPD as a full-time Officer on August 13, 2023. Sergeant Kocher's previous law enforcement work experience is documented in the table below.

| Shelby Police Department | Full-Time | 08/13/2023 | Present |
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| Shelby Police Department | Auxiliary | 11/01/2022 | 08/13/2023 |
| Shelby Police Department | Full-Time | 07/04/2021 | 11/01/2022 |
| Elmore Police Department | Part-Time | 09/30/2020 | 07/12/2021 |

Basic Training:

Sergeant Kocher attended and successfully completed the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Basic Training class BAS19-078 at the EHOVE Police Academy. Sergeant Kocher also took and passed the OPOTA certification examination on March 12, 2020, and was issued Peace Officer Certificate 201001 by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission.

Current Peace Officer Status:

Based on the records received and reviewed from OPOTA, it is noted that Sergeant Kocher was a duly sworn and certified Ohio Peace Officer at the time of the officer involved critical incident.

Training File:

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Sergeant Kocher has completed a number of advanced training classes. Some of those classes include:

- Vicarious Trauma
- Arrest, Search, and Seizure
- Crisis Intervention
- Responding to Mental Health Issues
- Legal Updates
- Crisis Mitigation
- Victim's Rights Marsey's Law
- Ohio Public Records Law
- Use of Body Worn Cameras
- Direct and Circumstantial Evidence
- Report Writing
- Communication Disabilities
- Critical Thinking in Use of Force Situations
- Objective Reasonableness
- Qualified Immunity
- Vehicle Inventory
- Use of Deadly Force and Legal Guidelines
- Ethics and Professionalism
- Community Diversity and Procedural Justice

Firearms Qualifications:

On November 9, 2024, Sergeant Kocher qualified on the following weapon: Sig P320 (no serial number listed). The Sig P320 was the weapon used in the officer-involved critical incident.

Disciplinary Records:

Sergeant Kocher had no discipline related to the use of force.

The OPOTA Polaris report, personnel file, and qualification records are attached to this report. Please refer to the attachments and listed reference item for further details.

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References:

Ref Item B - Kochler Personnel File

Attachments:

- 1. 2024-3862 KOCHLER QUAL RECORDS
- 2. 2024-3862 KOCHLER OPOTA POLARIS REPORT

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Tested by: SGT. T. SCOTT REQ#: 08651 Exp: 5/26/27

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| LMS Training Records | ecords | | | | | | | | | |
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| 12/1/2024 | Vicarious Trauma | | | | | | Koch | Kocher, Noah Eli | CH . | |
| 12/1/2024 | Interviewing the Crime Victim | Victim | | | | | Koch | Kocher, Noah Eli | 311 | |
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| Date Completed 11/30/2024 11/30/2024 11/30/2024 | Course Title Dementia and Related Disorders Arrest, Search, and Seizure 2023 Crisis Intervention |
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| 11/30/2024 11/28/2024 | Crisis Intervention OHLEG LIMS Prelog Training |
| 11/28/2024 | Crime Gun Evidence |
| 11/24/2024 | Veterans In Crisis |
| 11/24/2024 | Responding to Mental Health Issues |
| 11/23/2024 | NIBIN Overview |
| 11/17/2024 | Legal Updates 2024 |
| 11/17/2024 | Crisis Mitigation - An Ohio Model |
| 11/8/2024 | Victims' Rights - Marsy's Law |
| 10/19/2024 | Public Records - 2024 |
| 9/5/2024 | Crisis Mitigation - An Ohio Model |
| 11/7/2023 | Search Warrant Preparation |
| 11/7/2023 | Missing Children Investigation |
| 11/7/2023 | Missing Persons |
| 11/7/2023 | Use of Body-Worn Cameras |
| 11/7/2023 | Ohio Public Records Law |
| 10/30/2023 | National Center for Missing & Exploited Children – Harnessing Resources Seminar |
| 10/6/2023 | First Amendment Auditing |
| 10/6/2023 | Concealed Firearm Carry Changes |
| 10/6/2023 | Medical Marijuana |
| 10/6/2023 | Drafting Search Warrants |
| 10/6/2023 | Direct and Circumstantial Evidence |

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| Preserving Cellphone Evidence Report Writing Social Media Precautions Submitting Evidence to the Lab Part 3 - Legal Updates 2023 Part 2 - Legal Updates 2023 Part 1 - Legal Updates 2023 Part 1 - Legal Updates 2023 Response to Mass Violence and Mass Protest Seminar Ohio School Threat Assessment Arrest. Search. and Seizure 2023 | dates 2023 dates 2023 : Violence and Mass Protest Seminar : at Assessment | nd Seizure 2023 | Disabilities | Disabilities Wellness | Communication Disabilities CAT and Officer Wellness Diversity and Cultural Competency for Law Enforcement | Communication Disabilities CAT and Officer Wellness Diversity and Cultural Competency for Law Enforcement Effective Communication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis | Communication Disabilities CAT and Officer Wellness Diversity and Cultural Competency for Law Enforcement Effective Communication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis Critical Thinking in Use of Force Situations | Disabilities Wellness Itural Competency for Law Enforcement nication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis in Use of Force Situations ableness | Disabilities Wellness Itural Competency for Law Enforcement nication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis in Use of Force Situations ableness | Disabilities Wellness Itural Competency for Law Enforcement nication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis in Use of Force Situations in Use of Force Situations ableness ity Crime Victim | Disabilities Wellness tural Competency for Law Enforcement nication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis in Use of Force Situations in Use of Force Situations deleness ableness Crime Victim Preparation | Disabilities Wellness tural Competency for Law Enforcement nication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis in Use of Force Situations in Use of Force Situations chleness ableness crime Victim Preparation Preparation | Disabilities Wellness Itural Competency for Law Enforcement nication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis in Use of Force Situations in Use of Force Situations ableness ableness ity Crime Victim Preparation Preparation al Encounters on Procedures | Disabilities Wellness Itural Competency for Law Enforcement nication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis in Use of Force Situations in Use of Force Situations Crime victim Crime Victim Preparation al Encounters on Procedures | Disabilities Wellness tural Competency for Law Enforcement nication and Safe Interaction with Persons in Crisis in Use of Force Situations in Use of Force Situations Crime Victim Crime Victim Preparation Preparation nal Encounters on Procedures |
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| | Trauma and the Brain Sexual Assault Investigations |
| | Responding to Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention |
| | Biological Evidence Collection for Sexual Assaults |
| | Mental Health Response |
| | Vicarious Trauma |
| | Officer Wellness Seminar |
| | Ethics and Professionalism |
| | Ohio Forfeiture Laws |
| 5/27/2022 | Ohio Public Records Law |
| 5/27/2022 | New and Updated Criminal Charges |
| 5/19/2022 | Use of Restraints |
| 5/19/2022 | Medical Marijuana |
| 5/19/2022 | Hazing |
| 5/19/2022 | Hate Crimes |
| 5/19/2022 | Custodial Interrogation |
| 5/19/2022 | Concealed Firearm Carry Changes |

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| 5/19/2022 | Concealed Firearm Carry Changes | | Kocher |
| 5/6/2022 | Domestic Violence Legal Updates | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 4/29/2022 | Impacting Narcotics in Ohio | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 4/29/2022 | Ethics and Professionalism | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 4/29/2022 | Community Diversity and Procedural Justice | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 9/21/2021 | Trauma and the Brain | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 9/21/2021 | Ohio Forfeiture Laws | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 9/21/2021 | Medical Marijuana | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 9/16/2021 | Direct and Circumstantial Evidence | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 9/16/2021 | Social Media Precautions | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 9/16/2021 | Testifying in Court | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 9/15/2021 | Preserving Cellphone Evidence | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 9/15/2021 | Vehicle Inventory | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 9/15/2021 | Sexual Assault Investigations | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 9/15/2021 | Roadside Questioning | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 4/27/2021 | Disability Training for First Responders | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 12/29/2020 | Ohio's Child Passenger Safety Law | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 12/29/2020 | Domestic Violence with Lethality Factors | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 12/28/2020 | Trooper Coates Killer Interview | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 12/26/2020 | Trooper Coates Murder | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 12/26/2020 | Darrel Lunsford Murder | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 12/26/2020 | Trooper Vetter Murder | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 12/26/2020 | The Timothy McVeigh Stop | | Kocher, Noah Eli |
| 12/26/2020 | Kehoe Brothers Shootout | | Kocher, Noah Eli |

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| 12/3/2020 | Communication Disability Law Training | | Kocher, Noah Eli | H |
| 12/3/2020 | Animal Encounters | | Kocher, Noah Eli | H |
| 12/3/2020 | West Memphis Arkansas Stop | - | Kocher, Noah Eli | |
| 12/2/2020 | Awareness of Human Trafficking | | Kocher, Noah Eli | |
| 12/2/2020 | Operating a Vehicle Impaired (OVI) Statutory Review | | Kocher, Noah Eli | |
| 10/2/2020 | Narcan eLearning Course | | Kocher, Noah Eli | H |
| Canine School | Certificate Date Canine Unit | | | |
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| | **The advanced training records listed above reflect ONLY THOSE trainings the peace officer scheduled through OPOTA. Records reflecting advanced training conducted by the peace officer's agency, or conducted by another organization, are not maintained by OPOTC. Requests for any such records should be directed to the peace officer's employing agency or the organization who conducted the training. | Certificate Type und formation reported to O information contained i information contained i the peace officer schedu other organization, are r organization who condu | ype Specialty rted to OPOTC pursuant to ontained in these records. er scheduled through OPOT tion, are not maintained by ho conducted the training. | Renewal Date section 109,761 of the A. Records reflecting OPOTC. Requests for an |

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