

## **DIRECTIVE 33.2 ACADEMY TRAINING**

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### **POLICY AND PROCEDURE:**

Basic police training in the State of Ohio has been standardized by the formation of the Ohio Peace Officers Training Council (OPOTC) as authorized by Section 109.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, which states the following:

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Council shall establish and conduct a training school for law enforcement officers of any political subdivision of the state. The school shall be known as the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. The Ohio Peace Officer Training Council shall develop the training program, which shall include courses in both the civil and criminal functions of law enforcement officers and shall establish rules governing qualification for admission to the academy. The council may require competitive examinations to determine fitness of prospective trainees, so long as the examination or other criteria for admission to the academy are consistent with the provisions of Chapter 124 of the Revised Code.'

The Ohio Peace Officer training Council has established the criteria for the operation of basic police training throughout the State of Ohio in the Peace Officer Training Council Rules and Regulations (Ohio Administrative Rules, Chapter 109). Certification of a recruit by the Executive Director of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council shall serve as proof of compliance of the recruit with training standards promulgated by the Training Council.

### **[33.2.1 Academy Administration and Operation](#)**

Miami Township Police Department does not participate in Academy Administration and Operation.

### **33.2.2 Academy Facilities**

Miami Township Police Department does not participate in Academy Facilities.

### **33.2.3 Outside Academy, Role**

It is the policy of the Miami Township Police Department that all police officers will comply with the state mandated basic training certification of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council and achieve, at a minimum, a basic certification rating. The Department will review the training records of newly hired police officers prior to beginning employment with the Department. The purpose of this review is to determine if the prior training of the recruit officer meets the Department's standards for basic police training. Officers who have been previously OPOTC certified through other academies other than the full-time academies of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy may be assigned to complete further basic police training assignments prior to release to field training.

All newly sworn personnel will have successfully completed basic recruit training in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and rules and regulations of the Ohio Peace Officers Training Council (OPOTA Certification) or completed out of state reciprocity licensure in the State of Ohio according to Ohio Revised Code 4796.03, 4796.04, or 4796.05.

The staffing, facilities, instructors or other resources required to operate these academies will be the sole responsibility of the academy, subject to the rules of the OPOTC.

The Miami Township Police Department assumes all normal liabilities of its employees being trained at an outside training academy.

When a new officer is hired, the police department's Administrative Assistant shall forward to the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council the Notice of Peace Officer Appointment/Termination Form.

### **33.2.4 Outside Academy, Agency Specific Training**

In addition to the training and skills taught at an outside academy, the department will provide instruction in department directives, policies and procedures and rules and regulations specific to the Miami Township Police Department. This training shall be covered during the newly sworn officer's field training program.