



## OPISSC Training Committee March 26, 2015, Minutes

Training Committee Meeting Date and Location: March 26, 2015, Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS),  
1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Committee Members Present: Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Mr. Geoff Dutton Mr. Charles Kelly, Mr. Glenn Meuller,  
Mr. Ted Owens, Mr. Steven Smith

Committee Members Absent: Mr. Jay Beighley, Mr. Tony Macisco, Mr. Michael Myer

Also Attending: Julie Faulconer

Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Armstrong	Here	Mr. Meuller	Here
Mr. Beighley		Mr. Myer	
Mr. Dutton	Here	Mr. Owens	Here
Mr. Kelly	Here	Mr. Sever	Here
Mr. Macisco		Mr. Smith	Here

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Mr. Armstrong opened the meeting with an overview of the Training Committee. The ORC 4749 rewrite when passed into law will require eight hours of training for any new person applying for a security guard or private investigator registration. The Committee researched other state requirements and found no state is the same. New York requires eight hours of training and granted permission to use their online training information.

Two vendors, that provide an existing online security training program, gave presentations to the Committee. Both were good and able to adapt the program to Ohio's law and Committee guidelines, but the cost of approximately \$50 was a concern. DPS offered to create the training for a low price. The DPS web design group utilized the New York training information, but informed the Committee that there wasn't enough content to fill the required eight hours. An additional concern, at the time, was the ability for DPS to create 22,000 accounts for individuals to log in, train, and test.

Each member was asked to introduce themselves.

Rodney Armstrong: background in law enforcement, baliff, commander, teacher, and currently a QA for Securitas.

Steve Smith: background in law enforcement and public service, special agent with liquor control, English teacher and has written several books.

Wayne Sever: background in military, law enforcement, trainer, and currently a QA for Highland Security & Investigations.

Glen Meuller: background providing security for the City of Columbus, Kent State University, Westland Mall, private security, and an OPOTA certified trainer.

Geoff Dutton: background of investigative reporting, Inspector General's Office, DPS Communications and special projects, and currently the Director of Private Investigator Security Guard Services (PISGS).

Ted Owens: background of security with Kent State University and Sea World of Ohio, retired Major of Ohio Army National Guard, police instructor for defense tactics, has a black belt in taekwondo, and currently CEO of Ohio Special Services Group.

Charles "Tom" Kelly: background of security, law enforcement, licensed since 1975 as a SRT commander, and is a requalifying instructor for three weapons.

Mr. Armstrong asked Geoff Dutton to provide feedback from the state regarding the online training program. Mr. Dutton said the I.T. department has concerns with the system's ability to create 22,000 accounts, but they believe it can be done.

Mr. Dutton asked the Committee to view page 89 of the ORC rewrite which states the seven topics of training (role of P.I./security officer, laws and rules governing the industry, legal powers and limitations, emergency procedures, communications and public relations, access control, and ethics and professional conduct), and suggested building the training program so it can be utilized whether the legislation passes or not.

Mr. Armstrong clarified to the members that the training will consist of online and classroom instruction, review time, and a 45 minute examination.

Mr. Owens presented a strong case to not create a training program from scratch, but to go with an established, proven training vendor, and believes the vendor would be willing to negotiate a reduced fee for the course. Mr. Armstrong responded that when the Committee met a year ago, there was Homeland Security grant money available at that time to off-set the cost, but it would no longer be available. Also, DPS has a bidding process for state contracts so the vendor we select may not be the vendor that wins the state contract.

Mr. Dutton reminded the Committee that while there would be tremendous work involved in creating a training program with DPS, the low cost wouldn't impact the person or company as much.

The Committee discussed the seven topics and agreed to focus first on "the role of private investigators and security officers."

Julie Faulconer will email to the members the "Ohio Private Police Officer Legal Manual" provided by Charles Kelly, the prior training document on the topic for the Committee to build upon, and additional information that will be supplied by Mr. Armstrong. It was suggested that each member submit ten questions regarding the role of the P.I./security officer to Julie Faulconer prior to the next meeting. The questions will be compiled for the members to review at the next Committee meeting.

The next Training Committee meeting will be scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Mueller first. Sever second. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.