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## 25 Officers complete Advanced Emergency Vehicle Operations training at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course *Fully-funded using Casino Training Funds*

LEXINGTON – 25 officers from 12 agencies completed advanced emergency vehicle operations training yesterday at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. Law enforcement officers from around the state were able to put their skills to the test at Mid-Ohio's premier 2.4 mile, 15-turn road race course.

Using law enforcement casino training funds, Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio State Highway Patrol Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructors along with veteran race car drivers, designed the training to heighten the skill level of officers around the state to operate a patrol vehicle in the most efficient and safest manner possible. The six-hour training incorporated both classroom instruction and practical exercises.

“The leading cause of on-duty deaths of law enforcement officers nationally is automobile related traffic crashes,” said Director John Born, Ohio Department of Public Safety. Driving skills are perishable. This advanced training provides officers from across Ohio the opportunity to improve their skills.

Before these casino law enforcement training funds were available, it was the responsibility of the individual agencies to incur the cost of sending officers to advanced training opportunities like this.

*Editor's Note: Below is a list of class attendees and their associated agency.*

James Allenby	Wadsworth Police Department
Robert Bess	Sandusky Police Department
James Desalle	Sandusky Police Department
Angie Eichinger	Mansfield Police Department
Larry Fenner	Columbus Airport Authority
Robert Fitzgerald III	North Baltimore Police Department
Donald Hall	Lancaster Police Department
Ryan Harrison	Norwood Police Department
Joshua Haught	Powhatan Point Police Department
Joe Huston	Zanesville Police Department
Adam Innocenti	Wadsworth Police Department
Shawn Kelley	Hillsboro Police Department
Matt Klingelhoffer	Norwood Police Department
Carol Lanning	Columbus Airport Authority
Mell Leckrone	Lancaster Police Department
Casey Lengefeld	Hillsboro Police Department



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Cody Love	Zanesville Police Department
Michael Meyers	North Baltimore Police Department
Corey Mook	Sandusky Police Department
John Powell	Sandusky Police Department
John Seif	Bucyrus Police Department
Howard Strong III	Strongsville Police Department
Jason West	Powhatan Point Police Department
Amos Wolfe	Bucyrus Police Department
Greg Yarbrough	Lancaster Police Department

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