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

LEXINGTON – 27 officers from 14 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.

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| David Arbenz | St. Clairsville Police Department |
| Christopher Baughman | Columbus Airport Authority |
| Brian Bowers | Amherst Police Department |
| Brooke Brady | Wyoming Police Department |
| Brian Brancatelli | Amherst Police Department |
| Todd Bucher | Hancock County Sheriff’s Office |
| Nate Elliott | Fostoria Police Department |
| Sean Feldhaus | Wyoming Police Department |
| E.H. Fetzer | Shelby Police Department |
| Shilo Frankhart | Fostoria Police Department |
| Jeffrey Gazdik | St. Clairsville Police Department |
| Shane Gearhart | Mansfield Police Department |
| Rodney Griffin | Hancock County Sheriff’s Office |
| John Hamilton | Tuscarawas County Sheriff’s Office |
| Joshua Jacob | West Jefferson Police Department |
| Justin Kiser | Fostoria Police Department |



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| William Lang | Columbus Police Department |
| Shane Leeth | Hancock County Sheriff's Office |
| Chad Marchetto | Fostoria Police Department |
| Patrick Mortier | Zanesville Police Department |
| Michael Mottley | Columbus Airport Authority |
| Skip Rasfeld | Miami Township Police Department |
| Bryan Ruff | Zanesville Police Department |
| Jesse Shannon | Franklin Police Department |
| Thomas Stewart | St. Clairsville Police Department |
| Michael Troullos | St. Clairsville Police Department |
| Theron Ward | West Jefferson Police Department |

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