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

LEXINGTON – 26 officers from 15 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.

Stephen Brane	Mansfield Police Department
Curtis Bursby	Bucyrus Police Department
Scott Keene	Licking County Sheriff's Office
Thomas Cercek	Walton Hills Police Department
Wendy Dorner	Wadsworth Police Department
Paul Fiocca	Rittman Police Department
Kristen Floyd	Blanchester Police Department
Ryan Fumi	Newark Police Department
Robert Gardin	Sandusky Police Department
Michael Gervase	Walton Hills Police Department
Mark Gilliam	Sandusky Police Department
Jeff Hartford	Licking County Sheriff's Office
Tracy Keegan	Bucyrus Police Department
David Mack	Shelby Police Department
Michael Madsen	Indian Hill Police Department
Marcello Marsala	Strongsville Police Department



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Christopher Meyer	Columbus Police Department
Randall Miller	Utica Police Department
John Paulin	Walton Hills Police Department
Michael Schock	Sandusky Police Department
Heath Studer	Wadsworth Police Department
Russ Vodila	Walton Hills Police Department
Carl Watts	Indian Hill Police Department
Steven Wolfangel	Columbus Police Department
Kevin Youskievicz	Sandusky Police Department

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Note: Photos of the officers at training are available upon request. To request photos, please e-mail wwwohp@dps.state.oh.us.

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