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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 13 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.*

Brandon Bell	Fostoria Police Department
Brett Bethel	Fostoria Police Department
Michael Boals	Pataskala Police Department
Cory Brian	Fostoria Police Department
Jonathan Bryant	Fostoria Police Department
Daniel Cox	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Cory Crouch	Fairfield Township Police Department
Jonathan Curtiss	Fairfield County Sheriff's Office
John Deblo	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Troy Dillinger	Sandusky Police Department
James Elchlinger	Wadsworth Police Department
Ryan Grimshaw	Mansfield Police Department
Michael Haines	Mansfield Police Department
Christopher Klopfenstein	Creston Police Department
Stephen Klopfenstein	Brunswick Hills Police Department
Steve Lawson	Columbus Airport Authority



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Shaun Lentini	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Jason Martin	Sandusky Police Department
Tiffany McNabb	Fairfield County Sheriff's Office
Nick Mendez	Paulding County Sheriff's Office
Bryce Morris	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Adam Nelson	Fostoria Police Department
Sean Orman	Sandusky Police Department
Ryan Ream	Allen County Sheriff's Office
Stephen Ritterbach	Sandusky Police Department

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