

OBACOA 2023 Spring Conference

May 17, 2023 *Pre-Conference day dedicated to training **new Court Officers**

Start – May 18, 2023

End – May 19, 2023

Schedule -

New Court Officer Training – Wednesday, May 17 9a-5pm

9-10a.m. The Authority of the Court Officer

10a.m.-12p.m. The Fundamentals of Courthouse Safety

12-1p.m. Lunch (included)

1-2:30p.m. Basic Weapon Handling

2:45-3:45p.m. Weapon Retention

4-5p.m. Cuffing and Searching

Thursday, May 18

9a.m.-12p.m. Verbal Strategies or Practice at the Firing Range

12-1p.m. Lunch (included)

1-4p.m. Verbal Strategies or Practice at the Firing Range

Friday, May 19

8:30a.m. -12:30p.m. – Advanced Shooting Drills (Firing Range)
Or

9a.m. – 12p.m. – Field and Office Safety (FOP Hall)

Location

Newark, Ohio Fraternal Order of Police Lodge
255 South 6th Street, Newark, Ohio 43055

Lodging:

Cherry Valley Lodge

2299 Cherry Valley Rd SE, Newark, OH 43055

Room rate is \$124/night + tax

To reserve your room call: (740) 788-1200

[Be sure you mention you are with the Ohio Bailiffs Conference](#)

Registration

- **One Day Registration – \$150.00**

Please indicate which day you plan to attend.

- **Two Day Registration – \$250.00**

Please indicate which 2 days you plan to attend.

- **Three Day Registration - \$300.00 (best value)**

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Session Descriptions: Pre- Conference Sessions May 17

The Authority of the Court Officer - Knowing the legal foundation that supports court security officer's actions will empower them to provide legally compliant, safe, and consistent court service. During this course, faculty will define the statutory authority and powers given to Officers and court security officers to carry out their duties and obligations.

The Fundamentals of Courthouse Safety – Faculty will give an overview of the fundamentals required to ensure the safety and security of all who conduct business in the courthouse. The entertaining session will consist of photos from courts around Ohio and explanation of how the different problems pictured could be addressed.

Basic Weapon Handling – Officers in this course will review safety rules, stance, grip, muzzle control, trigger movement, basic range commands, required gear and much more. This course is intended for officers that have little to no experience or even experienced officers that would like a review of core fundamentals.

Weapon Retention - Weapon retention is arguably the most important factor in a close quarters fight. Losing control of your weapon is a worst-case scenario because it limits your ability to defend yourself and adds the potential of your own weapon being used against you. This course will provide hands-on practice in weapon retention skills.

Cuffing a Searching – Improperly applied restraints can cause injury to the individual (which may result in a lawsuit) or it can allow the individual to escape the restraints – neither of which are a desired result. This course will focus on how to safely approach an individual and effectively apply your handcuffs. Once a suspect is secured, you will want to search their person for weapons or cuff keys. Faculty in this course will demonstrate how to do this legally and safely.

Session Descriptions: Day 1 Conference Sessions, May 18

De-Escalation: Strategies for Best Possible Outcomes – National Trainer John Bostain will provide a three-hour session in the morning and afternoon on how to create situations where people can de-escalate themselves. He will talk about the **realities** of de-escalation, emotional intelligence and the range of integrated tactics and strategies to get the best possible outcome from a critical situation.

Basic Course of Fire – * During this three-hour course OPOTA certified firearms instructors will drill students to enhance the following skills: accuracy from various distances, reloading from multiple positions and while moving, moving and shooting, shooting around obstacles, and team work while shooting.

Session Descriptions: Day 2 Conference Sessions, May 19

Field and Officer Safety – Faculty in this session will review general considerations for officer safety and some of the things officers do that increase their risk. Some the areas covered will be safety mindset, your approach to a structure, stance, scanning for threats, complacency, crisis rehearsal, dealing with people and weapons of opportunity.

Advanced Course of Fire – * Building on the skills from the previous day, instructors will discuss working with vehicles including: a vehicle ballistics class, how to shoot into vehicles and how to shoot out of vehicles. Students will then spend the rest of the class practicing shooting into and out of vehicles.

***To participate in the live fire exercises on the range you must bring the following equipment:**

- Firearm and duty gear, holster, 2 extra mags
- Bullet Proof Vest/Body Armor
- Ammunition – at least 300 rounds
- Hearing Protection
- Eye Protection
- Head covering – hat
- Balaclava face covering – for glass from the vehicles
- Closed toed shoes
- Long sleeve shirt
- Gloves

John Bostain Bio

John Bostain is the President of Command Presence, LLC. John has committed the last 23 years to law enforcement, 20 of which have been as a law enforcement trainer. He has presented nationally and internationally on contemporary law enforcement topics such as dynamics of officer/citizen encounters, use of force, human performance factors, and instructor development. He's certified as a Force Analyst by the Force Science Institute (FSI) and holds a B.S.Ed in Adult Education from Valdosta State University.

John began his career with the Hampton Police Division (HPD) in Hampton, Virginia where he served as a Uniformed Patrol Officer, Narcotics Investigator, Academy Instructor, Detective, and Patrol Supervisor. He served on the departmental S.W.A.T. Team, Bike Patrol Unit, and was the Advisor for the Law Enforcement Exploring Program. He held Virginia DCJS certifications as a firearms instructor, defensive tactics instructor, and driving instructor, in addition to several other instructor certifications.

After leaving HPD in 2001, John spent 13 years at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, GA serving as an Instructor and Senior Instructor for Defensive Tactics, Patrol Procedures, and Use of Force. He also held position as a Program Specialist in the Rural Policing Institute, Training Transformation Office, and Training Management.

In 2012, he became the recipient of the prestigious Trainer of the Year Award as selected by Law Officer Magazine. John is an Instructor Trainer (Core Instructor) for the Below 100 Program and is a member of the instructional staff of the BJA VALOR for Blue program. John is also an Advisory Board Member of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainer's Association (ILEETA)



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Welcome to the Ohio Bailiffs and Court Officers Association Spring Conference.

This conference is open to any officer who has a duty to protect the public – Bailiffs, Court Security Officers, Probation and Parole Officers, Court Constables and Law Enforcement working in the court. Many of us have the same training needs when it comes to ensuring our safety and the safety of others.

Look below to see our three days of instruction from the best local and national instructors -

Day 1 is for new officers and will focus on fundamental skills. This can also be a great refresher for experienced staff on best practices for court security.

Day 2 will have students spending a ½ day at the range doing a basic course of fire (which can count as your OPOTA requalification) and ½ day in the classroom & learning how to de-escalate agitated individuals.

Day 3 Students will either be on the range doing an advance course of fire or in the classroom learning best practices for field and office safety.

The more days you attend the greater the discount on registration. The conference includes a full lunch on Wednesday and Thursday and dinner on Thursday evening at the Newark FOP Hall. The conference will also feature amazing raffle items from our vendors – including knives, firearms and body armor. We look forward to seeing you at our spring conference.

Once you register online, you will receive an invoice for your registration.