OHIO CRIME PREVENTION



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Ohio Crime Prevention Association

Annual Conference 2022

"Prevention and Preparedness"

April 24-27, 2022

Embassy Suites- Dublin, Ohio

Register now to attend this exciting event!

Conference workshops include:

- EMDR (That Voodoo S#%*T) -Critical Incident Recovery
- Drones in Law Enforcement
- Hate Based Aggression
- L.E. Vulnerabilities When Using Social Media
- Recognizing Predatory Behavior
- Crime Prevention & Special Needs Individuals
- Stop the Bleed- Hands on Instructional Class
- Post Overdose Response
- Community / Officer Resilience
- Community Engagement Methods







We are more than our mission

A note from our President As I look out my office window at winter (definitely not my favorite), I am amazed that January is well under way already, and we are diving into 2022! If you are like me, the 2021 holidays were again not exactly what I was expecting; I anticipated a somewhat normal holiday with a diminishing pandemic affect. Instead we got a version of COVID that came roaring in like one of northeast Ohio's winter storms! My hope is that all of you have managed to weather that storm, and that you and all of your loved ones are well! After all, that really is what is important.

Now I know there are a lot of opinions and theories surrounding the pandemic, and I am in no way jumping into that fray. I do, however, want to comment on some of the observations that I have made over the last 18 months or so.

The **OCPA** Board has worked tirelessly to provide an annual conference; truth be told we have planned the same conference three times now, kind of like Ground Hog's Day. Throughout all of this, I have seen such dedication to the organization and commitment to the mission of the **OCPA** by everyone involved, as well as an amazing amount of understanding from the membership! And I can say with a great deal confidence that we are just about done planning for this conference. Come what may, there will be an April 2022 **OCPA** Conference!

What I have also seen are members and stakeholders who continue to prioritize crime prevention despite all of the distractions surrounding us. During 2021 - led by lead trainer and past President John DiPietro, along with many other members assisting - eight OCPA courses were offered, certifying many new Crime Prevention Practitioners and CPTED Specialists. Interest in learning crime prevention techniques is high, and practitioners have been busy engaging communities with the information that they have obtained. As a board member, I know that this inspires not only me but fellow board members to strengthen and grow the OCPA, creating more opportunities for members in both information and involvement in the organization!

So, my sincerest thank you to all of my past and present board members, our membership, our partners, and other stakeholders for everything you have done, and will do! You are all, without a doubt, a very special group of people who are so committed to keeping people safe and free from victimization, *very special indeed*! And by the way, we are going to have one awesome conference in April.

Bruce

2022 OCPA Annual Conference will feature:

Instructors Certification Classes



Class participants
will receive an instructor's
certificate, verifying
completion of the class, as
well as a flash drive copy of
the class to use when teaching
in their community.



About the classes:

These Power Point classes, based on popular subjects of public concern, were designed for engaging and educating the community. All classes are written in easy to understand format, and are a good source for Community Engagement and Crime Prevention Officers. Each PP class is approximately 45 minutes in length.

Attention OCPA members:

Voting will be held on **Tuesday, Apr. 26, 2022,** at our annual conference

Election of Officers to the OCPA Board



- ✓ OCPA President (2 year term)
- √ OCPA Secretary (2 year term)

Write-ins from the Floor

The **OCPA** Constitution and By-Laws also provides for write-in votes from floor nominations. Please reference the **OCPA** Constitution and By-Laws for details.

* Due to Covid issues, and the resignation of some board members, on Dec. 9, 2021, at our annual retreat, new board members were appointed to some positions until an election could take place at our annual conference.

The **OCPA** Congratulates our newest

Certified Crime Prevention Specialists

After successfully completing the 3 day course, **Introduction to Crime Prevention**, and passing the written exam, the following participants were recommended to the Ohio Crime Prevention Association Board of Directors to be approved for the designation of **Certified Crime Prevention Specialist**. This recognition confirms their continued commitment to the communities in which they serve. Congratulations!



Host: Willoughby Hills Police Department



OCPA congratulates our newest Crime Prevention Specialists class of 2021

Host: Lake County Sheriff's Office



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Hosts: Euclid Police Department / Lincoln Electric



OCPA congratulates our newest Crime Prevention Specialists class of 2021



Host: Columbus Police Department



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To register for an upcoming class, or for more information, log onto our website: Ocpa-oh.org



In 2021, the OCPA presented The Crime **Prevention Specialist Training a record** breaking 5 times, and recommended a total of 95 participants to be approved for the CPS designation in the state of Ohio? Amazing!

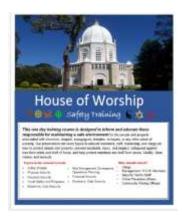


In April of 2021, the CPS Manual was updated to reflect current trends and techniques in crime prevention. The manual was last updated in 2012.



Congratulations to our newest **Advanced CPTED** Class, May 2021. Special Appreciation to Westlake Police and to Crocker Park for hosting. Our practical assessment exercise was conducted at Crocker Park, thank you to Sean Flanigan for making all the arrangements, including recruiting staff for our "stakeholder interviews." Lt. Dancy and Off. Morley always provide outstanding advanced work which is both vital to the success of the training and greatly appreciated. Both the private sector and public sector prevention and security specialists attended the training. Please join President Bruce Felton and Instructor John DiPietro in congratulating all of the attendees who will take these new skills back to their agencies and organizations to create a safer and better quality of life for their communities

Is your agency interested in hosting a class?







To inquire about hosting or attending a class, contact us at:

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Openings are available for 2022