



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

OHIO COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

In November, 2015, an update was provided on the Governor's Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. Before we communicate where the Collaborative is today, we wanted to provide a brief re-cap.

In December 2014, Gov. John R. Kasich signed Executive Order 201-06K, announcing the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations after a series of incidents in Ohio and around the nation highlighted the challenges between the community and police.

On April 29, 2015, after a series of public forums, the task force delivered its final report to the Governor, who in turn signed Executive Order 2015-04K, establishing the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board (Ohio Collaborative) to oversee implementation of recommendations from the Ohio Task Force. On August 28, 2015 the Ohio Collaborative established state standards – for the first time in Ohio's history - for use of force including use of deadly force and agency employee recruitment and hiring that can help guide law enforcement agencies in Ohio.

A standard must consist of four elements:

- Policy/procedure
- Knowledge/Awareness (read and sign)
- Proficiency (Roll-call training/testing)
- Compliance (agency activity and accountability)

The Ohio Collaborative will also develop model policies as a resource for agencies, and the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) will serve as a contact and will be available to assist agencies with implementation. The Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association (BSSA) have partnered with the Collaborative in this important process. OCJS recognizes that there are differences between agencies and is looking forward to assisting all agencies during the compliance process. *OCJS will publish a report by March 31, 2017, listing which state and local law enforcement agencies have adopted and fully implemented the new minimum standards.* We are confident that many agencies already meet these minimum standards.

Where are we today? The first step in the process is to train law enforcement officers for the Assessor and Peer to Peer roles. In this packet is the Assessor Resource Application and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for potential Assessors. The sequential next steps with the Collaborative will involve:

- Official notice of the Standards Compliance Project Launch
- Full Access to the Ohio Collaborative website which will include key documents and information
- Agency completion of the Agency Application (on website)
- Agency begins the Self-Certification Process
- Peer to Peer Assistance Availability
- Assessors will make on-site visits to agencies to verify compliance

These new minimum standards will help to further improve the professionalism and consistency of Ohio law enforcement agencies. The Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police looks forward to all members complying with the minimum standards and we pledge to be a valuable resource throughout this project.

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