OHIO COLLABORATIVE
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Is a CALEA accredited agency grandfathered in any way?
A: Yes, although the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification program is a stand-alone program, CALEA certified agencies will only need to submit agency directives and compliance documentation one time to show compliance with **only** the first two Ohio Collaborative standards (Use of Force to include Deadly Force and Recruitment and Hiring), **if complying in the first year**.

Q: If my agency is CALEA accredited and the Collaborative standard addresses an area not yet covered by CALEA, will I have to address that standard in my agency?
A: Yes, you may be required to submit compliance documentation to show compliance with the Ohio Collaborative standard.

Q: Do my agency policies need approved by Criminal Justice Services before I issued them to my agency personnel for read and sign and testing?
A: No, as long as they meet all the components of the standards compliance checklist, found on the Ohio Collaborative website, they should be assigned for both read and sign and testing.

Q: Can I use my own policy language to meet the standard?
A: Yes, as long as it meets the overall intent of the Ohio Collaborative policy statements and associated standards. Agencies are asked to provide a memo or checklist in support of the Ohio Collaborative policy statements and associated standards. Samples of each can be found at http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/

Q: What are the resources available to assist me with gaining Ohio Collaborative Certification?
A: During the application process, agencies may request a Peer to Peer (PTP) resource. A PTP resource is trained in acceptable compliance documentation submissions. PTP resources are provided to the agencies at no cost. In addition, agencies in the application process are eligible to receive a complimentary membership to the IACP model policy database.

Q: Is there a cost associated with Ohio Collaborative Certification?
A: There are no costs for participation in the Ohio Collaborative Certification program. All resources are provided at no cost to the agency.

Q: How do I know if I am considered a law enforcement agency qualified to participate in this program?
A: Agencies having certified Ohio peace officers under ORC 2935.01 are eligible to participate.

Q: What is the deadline for submitting compliance documentation?
A: The list of agencies not participating in the program will be published in March of 2017. Agencies having a desire to participate should be in the compliance review process no later than February of 2017.

Q: Is participation in the Ohio Collaborative Certification program mandatory?
A: Participation is not mandatory. Per Executive Order 2015-04K (http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Portals/0/executiveOrders/EO%202015-04K.pdf) no later than March 31, 2017, and annually thereafter, OCJS shall publish a report listing which state and local law enforcement departments have and have not adopted and fully implemented the published statewide standards.

Q: Who may I contact with additional questions regarding the Ohio Collaborative process?
A: Kathy Mahl, 614.512.6351 or kmahl@dps.ohio.gov or Jim Luebbers, 614.644.6797 or JFLuebbers@dps.ohio.gov

Q: What are the guidelines for the amount of compliance documents to be submitted?
A: **Read and Sign and Testing Documentation**:
>   At least 10% for agencies with more than 50 sworn
>   At least 50% for agencies with 21-50 sworn and
>   100% for agencies with 20 or less sworn
> **Compliance Documentation (Reports, Investigations, etc.)**
>   At least two samples from current year

Q: Where can I obtain additional information on the Ohio Collaborative purpose?
A: Executive Order 2015-04K Establishing the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Portals/0/executiveOrders/EO%202015-04K.pdf and http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/