



Law Enforcement State-Wide Standards Certification Update

If you are asking, where or how does my agency begin this process, there is a great way to start—the Peer to Peer process.

A Peer to Peer resource can be assigned at any time during or before the certification process. All assessors and peer to peer individuals are experienced law enforcement professionals who have completed comprehensive training as conducted by Ohio Criminal Justice Services (OCJS).

Peer to Peer Assistance can include:

- Assisting with standards
- Providing sample policies
- Assisting with policy language
- Identifying acceptable proofs of compliance
- Reviewing the agency's compliance documentation before submission

Peers are also familiar with the OCJS website and can provide an agency with assistance with the compliance checklist and guidelines for Self-Certification document submission.

A peer may be able to answer a lot of questions over the telephone or through emails exchanges, but is also available to visit your agency if needed.

How can you have a peer assigned to your agency? Contact Joel Brown at the Ohio Association Chiefs of Police. Joel can be reached at:

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- Direct office number: 614-761-4618

There is no cost to an agency for the assignment of Peer to Peer individual. So if your agency realizes the benefit of meeting the Ohio State-Wide Standards, but doesn't know where to begin---***consider asking a peer.***