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Patrolling Chief's Committee

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Greetings,

The Patrolling Chief's Committee was formed by the executive board in June of 2019 and tasked with addressing the needs of police chiefs serving a population of 4,500 or less. In most cases Chief's of Police in small agencies often split their duties between administration and responding to calls for service, creating a wide variety of unique challenges.

Our committee consists of patrolling chiefs throughout Ohio who immediately got to work on establishing our mission and purpose statements:

Mission Statement

To enhance the professionalism of those Police Chiefs serving Ohio's small communities.

Purpose Statement

The committee is dedicated to providing access to legal updates, training, grants, resources and model polices. By bringing awareness to various options we strive to provide agencies a single point of reference for resources available through the OACP and create opportunities for partnerships and collaboration at a local, district and state level.

The committee moved quickly to summarize the top concerns of our membership and prioritize them. A tab was created on the OACP website to direct Patrolling Chief's to a section designed by and for their interests. The page provides contact information for all committee members plus Resources, Trainings, Forms, Grants, Model Policies, and eventually important legal updates.

Currently, our top priorities include providing resources, training, and peer based assistance for the Ohio Collaborative, Recruitment and Hiring, user friendly minimum field training program for new recruits and newly appointed command staff, and the establishment of a training and equipment clearing house. The clearinghouses will be

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designed to give smaller agencies access to free or low-cost training and serviceable equipment.

The committee, while still relatively new, looks forward to the opportunity to improve the function of the committee by being readily accessible and adaptable to the patrolling chief membership.