

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE PROUDLY PRESENTS:

Use of Force: Legal Standards & Real-Life Applications

(In-Person only)

November 12, 2026

Cuyahoga County Public Works Facility

2501 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105

For registration and directions visit <https://oacp.org/training-schedule/>

TARGET AUDIENCE: Chiefs, Upper Command, and Supervisors.

Presenters:

- Jonathan Downes, attorney, Zashin & Rich
- Chief Scott Hughes, CLEE Hamilton Twp. PD

Purpose: With continued attention to Use of Force (UOF) issues, this one-day workshop provides a concentrated examination of UOF standards, documentation of incidents, defense of lawsuits, and enforcement of standards of conduct as well as real-life examples of proper application of UOF.

The session will examine the current legal standards and court decisions in a practical manner for the development and maintenance of defensible UOF policies and training as well as documentation of incidents, and whether officers may review recordings prior to preparing reports. This includes the application of standards of UOF when defending officers and departments as well as the enforcement of policies with discipline. Steps necessary in defending a UOF lawsuit and presenting a UOF discipline case are presented with case examples.

The session will explore the real-life application of legal standards and best practices, the most difficult and important aspect of police standards of conduct. The participants will view and discuss the use of force videos (BWC's, dash cams, and CCTV) and understand the limitations of relying exclusively on video for application in UOF lawsuits, arbitrations, and grievances.

ITEMS TO NOTE:

- Registration begins at 8:00 am. Program starts at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm.
- CPT approved

Note: Space is limited - Register Early to secure your seat!

REGISTRATION:

\$245 Members

\$225 CLEE

\$295 Non-Members

Note: Dress is business casual

Fee includes presentation and materials. Lunch is on your own.

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