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26 Officers complete Advanced Emergency Vehicle Operations training at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course *Fully-funded using Casino Training Funds*

LEXINGTON – 26 officers from 13 agencies completed advanced emergency vehicle operations training yesterday at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. Law enforcement officers from around the state were able to put their skills to the test at Mid-Ohio's premier 2.4 mile, 15-turn road race course.

Using law enforcement casino training funds, Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio State Highway Patrol Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructors along with veteran race car drivers, designed the training to heighten the skill level of officers around the state to operate a patrol vehicle in the most efficient and safest manner possible. The six-hour training incorporated both classroom instruction and practical exercises.

“The leading cause of on-duty deaths of law enforcement officers nationally is automobile related traffic crashes,” said Director John Born, Ohio Department of Public Safety. Driving skills are perishable. This advanced training provides officers from across Ohio the opportunity to improve their skills.

Before these casino law enforcement training funds were available, it was the responsibility of the individual agencies to incur the cost of sending officers to advanced training opportunities like this.

Editor's Note: Below is a list of class attendees and their associated agency.

Joshua Bartholomew	Streetsboro Police Department
Dave Birker	Gnadenhutten Police Department
Michael Cipriano	Streetsboro Police Department
Virgil Clayton	Utica Police Department
Michael Cortez	Hancock County Sheriff's Office
Christopher Denny	Sandusky Police Department
Lucas Elchert	Fostoria Police Department
Evan Ely	Fostoria Police Department
Ryan Garner	Mansfield Police Department
Frank Herbert	Defiance Police Department
Ernesto Hernandez	Sandusky Police Department
Rusty Herzog	Wyoming Police Department
Alun Jackson	Notre Dame College Police Department
Matt Kinsinger	Hancock County Sheriff's Office
Eric Kirkland	Wyoming Police Department
Joe Klump	Wyoming Police Department



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Thomas Miller	Hancock County Sheriff's Office
Troy Mills	Columbus Airport Authority
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Dennis Moody	Gnadenhutten Police Department
Eric Nicely	Defiance Police Department
Travis Ricker	Fostoria Police Department
Oscar Salas	Columbus Airport Authority
Daniel Shonk	Wadsworth Police Department
Kevin Wert	Bucyrus Police Department

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