Quick Facts: Ohio

Population¹: 11,570,808
Number of Law Enforcement Agencies²: 831
Officers per 100,000 Population²: 225
Average Annual Salary (patrol)³: $56,980

*facts gathered from the U.S. Census Bureau 2013; Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2011; and Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2012

For More Information
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Ohio University Chillicothe
Overview of SOPTI
SOPTI is a Basic Peace Officer Training Academy that is conducted in strict compliance to all rules and regulations prescribed by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council. Students must meet the requirements set forth by the OPOTC, including criminal background check.

SOPTI is a six-month program that can be taken alone or as part of the law enforcement program, earning up to seventeen semester hours toward an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Law Enforcement Technology at Ohio University Chillicothe. This program provides the student with the fundamentals of entry-level peace officer training for employment as a law enforcement officer.

Class is held Monday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and on some weekends from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. SOPTI offers a mixed training environment with hands-on training and classroom instruction.

Cadets will receive expert training under the diligent supervision of over 25 experienced law enforcement instructors from some of the top agencies in the state of Ohio.

FEES:
- $4,800 for the basic non-credit police academy
- Seventeen semester credits billed in addition to academy tuition through Ohio University (per credit hour)

PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT:
- All cadets will be required to complete a physical assessment per OPOTA standards

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK:
- In all cases a request for a national web check must be completed at his or her expense

HEALTH DATA:
- Health form is required by OPOTA for each cadet. A medical doctor must complete the form.

Why choose SOPTI?
- Earn seventeen semester hours toward a degree in Law Enforcement Technology at Ohio University Chillicothe
- Emphasis on academic performance
- Over 25 professional, certified law enforcement instructors from the top leading agencies
- Convenient evening and weekend classes
- Affordable payment plans
- New training facility
- Job placement opportunities
- Internship with local law enforcement agencies
- Mixed training environment with both hands-on training and classroom instruction