



OHIO COLLABORATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the deadline for submitting compliance documentation?

A: The list of agencies not participating in the program will be published in March of 2017. Agencies having a desire to participate should be in the compliance review process no later than February 1, 2017.

Q: Do my agency policies need approved by Criminal Justice Services before I issued them to my agency personnel for read and sign and testing?

A: No, as long as they meet all the components of the standards compliance checklist, found on the Ohio Collaborative website, they should be assigned for both read and sign and testing.

Q: Can I use my own policy language to meet the standard?

A: Yes, as long as it meets the overall intent of the Ohio Collaborative policy statements and associated standards.

Q: What are the resources available to assist me with gaining Ohio Collaborative Certification?

A: During the application process, agencies may request a Peer to Peer (PTP) resource. A PTP resource is trained in acceptable compliance documentation submissions. PTP resources are provided to the agencies at no cost. In addition, the agency will be contacted by a member of OCJS staff to schedule an initial meet up to discuss the certification process expectations and answer any questions. Also, agencies in the application process are eligible to receive a complimentary membership to the IACP model policy database.

Q: Is there a cost associated with Ohio Collaborative Certification?

A: There are no costs for participation in the Ohio Collaborative Certification program. All resources are provided at no cost to the agency.

Q: How do I know if I am considered a law enforcement agency qualified to participate in this program?

A: Agencies having certified Ohio peace officers under ORC 2935.01 are eligible to participate.

Q: Who may I contact with additional questions regarding the Ohio Collaborative process?

A: Kathy Mahl, 614.512.6351 or kmahl@dps.ohio.gov or Ed Burkhammer, 614.203.9555 or edburkhammer@dps.ohio.gov. In addition, sample policies and documentation, completed compliance checklist samples, reports, forms, etc., can be found on our website at: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/>.

Q: Where can I obtain additional information on the Ohio Collaborative purpose?

A: Executive Order 2015-04K Establishing the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. <http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Portals/0/executiveOrders/EO%202015-04K.pdf> and <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/>

Q: Is participation in the Ohio Collaborative Certification program mandatory?

A: Participation is not mandatory. Per Executive Order 2015-04K (<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Portals/0/executiveOrders/EO%202015-04K.pdf>) no later than March 31, 2017, and annually thereafter, OCJS shall publish a report listing which state and local law enforcement departments have and have not adopted and fully implemented the published statewide standards.

Q: What are the guidelines for the amount of compliance documents to be submitted?

A: Read and Sign and Testing Report Documentation:

Show, At least 10% for agencies with more than 50 sworn

Show, At least 50% for agencies with 21-50 sworn and

100% for agencies with 20 or less sworn

Compliance Documentation (Reports, Investigations, Annual Review, Plan, etc.)

At least two samples from current year, where applicable (i.e. if it calls for a plan, or annual review, only one sample is necessary).

Q: Is a CALEA accredited agency grandfathered in any way?

A: Yes, although the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification program is a stand-alone program, CALEA certified agencies will only need to submit agency directives and compliance documentation one time to show compliance with **only** the first two Ohio Collaborative standards (Use of Force to include Deadly Force and Recruitment and Hiring), **if complying in the first year.**

Q: If my agency is CALEA accredited and the Collaborative standard addresses an area not yet covered by CALEA, will I have to address that standard in my agency?

A: Yes, you may be required to submit compliance documentation to show compliance with the Ohio Collaborative standard.

Q: Is a LEXIPOL customer grandfathered in anyway?

A: No, although Lexipol is a great first step in proving agency compliance with standardized agency directives, the agency must still provide compliance documentation to demonstrate implementation of agency directives in compliance with Ohio Collaborative standards.

Q: When will agencies be required to demonstrate compliance with the Community Engagement standard?

A: Compliance reviews for the Community Engagement standard will begin in January 2017. Agencies will have a year to come into compliance and be reflected on the March 2018 publication of agencies in compliance. A sample policy will be available online to assist agencies with obtaining compliance.