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OHIO AWARDS CERTIFICATION TO THE PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR ADOPTING STANDARDS

COLUMBUS – The Putnam County Sheriff's Office has adopted and implemented state standards established by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board as part of the state's efforts to strengthen community and police relations.

More than 350 agencies employing over 21,000 officers (or 64 percent of all law enforcement officers in Ohio, including agencies and officers in most of Ohio's metropolitan areas) are either certified or in the process of becoming certified by meeting standards for the use of force, including deadly force, and agency recruitment and hiring.

The standards are the first of their kind in Ohio and were developed by the Collaborative in August 2015.

The state has partnered with the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association and the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police to help certify Ohio's nearly 1,000 law enforcement agencies on a process to ensure that they are in compliance with Ohio's new standards.

The first list of all Ohio compliant agencies will be published in March 2017. To be included in the report, agencies must submit a compliance application to the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services by Feb. 1, 2017.

For more information on the Ohio Collaborative, the certification process for law enforcement and the complete list of agencies who have been certified, please visit: http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/

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