

POLICE TRAINING OFFICER SCHOOL-PTO

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Liberal Air Museum

Liberal, Kansas



The Liberal Police Department in conjunction with the Riley County Police Department are hosting a 50-hour Police Training Officer (PTO) School. The PTO Program incorporates contemporary methods in adult education and a version of the problem-based learning (PBL) method of teaching adapted for police. Most importantly, it serves to ensure that academy graduates' first exposure to the real



world is one that reflects policing in the 21st century. This new approach to training provides a foundation for life-long learning that prepares new officers for the complexities of policing today and in the future. It is focused on developing each officer's learning capacity, leadership abilities, and problem-solving skills. This is very different from traditional police training methods that over-emphasize mechanical skills and rote memory capabilities. While static skills are a necessity in police work and are integral to any training program, they constitute only one set of skills needed in contemporary policing. The main objectives of the PTO program are:

- To formulate learning opportunities for new officers that meet or exceed the training needs of the policing agency and the expectations of the community.
- To have trainees apply their academy learning to the community environment by giving them real-life problem-solving activities.
- To foster the trainee's growing independence from the Police Training Officer over the course of the program.
- To produce graduates of the training program who are capable of providing responsible, community-focused police services.
- To prepare trainees to use problem-solving approach throughout their careers by employing PBL methods.
- To design fair and consistent evaluations that address a trainee's skills, knowledge, and ability to problem solve effectively.

The Liberal Police Department has made the decision to transition to the Police Training Officer Program and is acting as the host for the course. In July 2006, the Riley County Police Department adopted the PTO Program as its primary post-academy training program for recruit officers. They have trained officers and supervisors to instruct trainees in the PTO Program, and the facilitators for this course are officers certified to instruct PBL and PTO.

Officers attending this training will complete a pre-course assignment that will be presented to their fellow students on the first day of the course. This assignment is a necessary prerequisite for successful completion of the course, and students will be provided evaluation guidelines for the assignment in order to self-assess their progress while completing it. Attendees are highly encouraged to bring internet-capable laptop computers to the training site located at the **Liberal Air Museum, 2000 W. 2nd, Liberal, KS 67901**. In addition, officers should bring policy and procedure manuals from their respective departments, preferable in electronic format. There will also be evening reading assignment and videos.

PTO Course Logistics

- **Registration:** Registrations must be received no later than June 21st, 2010. Course will end at 5:00 PM on July 02nd. **Seats are limited to the first 30 participants.**
- **Lodging:** There are numerous hotels available in the Liberal area. Contact Lt. Jon Antrim (jonantrim@cityofliberal.com) of the Liberal Police Department for more information.
- **Fees:** The fee for this course is \$50 per person. **Checks or Purchase Orders are the only forms of payment that can be accepted.** Please make documents payable to the Riley County Police Department and submit with registration form.
- **Refunds/Cancellations:** It is recommended you send a qualified substitute if you cannot attend. However, if you are not able to attend, please contact Lt. Josh Kyle (785-537-2112 ext. 3047) prior to June 21st. If you do not provide notice of cancellation prior to June 21st, 2010, you and/or your agency will be held liable for the registration fees. A full refund of registration fees will be made if notification is made prior to June 21st, 2010. The liability of the Police Training Officer School is limited to the registration fee. The Liberal Police Department and the Riley County Police Department will not be responsible for any losses incurred by the registrants, including but not limited to airline cancellation charges and/or hotel deposits.
- Comprehensive handouts and resource materials will be provided.
- Certificate awarded for 50 hours of training

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