

THE Owens IMPACT

CENTER FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EDITION 2025-2026

Beyond the Call

The Center for Emergency Preparedness trains both new and experienced public safety professionals through relevant associate degrees, technical certificates and advanced continuing education. With realistic scenario-based training and "train the trainer" programs, the Center equips graduates and seasoned responders alike to serve their communities with confidence and skill.

By the Numbers



Nearly **140** Associate Degrees, Technical Certificates and Short-Term Certificates Awarded Per Academic Year on Average*

*Since 2018-19



155 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Certificate Completers*
*Since 2018-19



262 Professional Law Enforcement Certificate Completers*
*Since 2019-20



100%
Paramedic Job Placement

Two cohorts of 10-15 paramedic students complete their certification annually, becoming eligible to take the National Registry exam and receive state certification through the Ohio Department of Public Safety.



99.4%
OPOTC State Certification Exam Pass Rate

The Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission (OPOTC) State Certification Exam pass rate for new law enforcement officers is nearly 100 percent.

Law Enforcement Consortium

Since its start in 2013, the consortium has grown into the largest in the state. Formed by regional law enforcement leaders to address ongoing training needs, the consortium now delivers over **700** training hours annually, helping departments meet state-mandated continuing professional training (CPT) requirements.

80

Agencies in the Law Enforcement Consortium



Prepared to Serve: Owens Grad Joins Fire & Rescue Before 20

At just 19 years old, Nataley Smith is living her dream as a full-time firefighter and EMT with Swanton Fire and Rescue.

A graduate of Owens Community College's Emergency Services programs, Nataley fast-tracked her career with determination, inspired by her first responder parents and a desire to give back to her community.

She credits Owens' hands-on training, realistic simulations and supportive instructors for preparing her "100 percent" for the real world. "They treated me like an equal," she said. "They made sure I was ready."



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Facilities and Equipment

The 150-acre center houses many simulators needed to train public safety professionals, including:

- ① Training and Operations Center High Bay with Emergency Service Virtual Training System
- ② Mock City and New SWAT House
- ③ Rail Car (Hazmat Training)
- ④ Confined Space Rescue Simulator
- ✓ Fleet of Law Enforcement Vehicles, Fire Trucks and Ambulances



Partnerships

ON-SITE TRAINING Toledo Fire and Rescue and Toledo Police house their training academies at Owens. Toledo Fire Academy opened on campus in 1999 and Toledo Police Academy started in 1985.



The Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) was founded at Owens in 1970 in cooperation with the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission (OPOTC) and certified by the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office.



The Center for Emergency Preparedness is the home of northwest Ohio's **Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC)** as part of the State of Ohio's Close to Home regional advanced training program for current law enforcement professionals. Originated in 2022, Owens was named the state's sixth Close to Home location in 2023 based on its location, space and ability to help reduce travel costs for agencies.

