



## Joint Committees Meeting MINUTES

# Ohio Private Investigators & Security Services Commission

MARCH 15, 2012- 1 P.M.

**Location:** Ohio Dept. of Public Safety  
1970 W. Broad St. Room 134 M/O  
Columbus, OH 43223

### **Committee Members Present:**

#### **1. Training Committee:**

Cohen, Mike - International Security - **Chair**  
Armstrong, Rodney - Securitas Security Service USA, Inc.  
Hollenbaugh, Gregg, Cal Crim Inc.  
Korn, Howard, International Protection Group  
Owens, Ted, Ohio Special Services Group LLC  
Sever, Wayne – Highland  
Mack, Earl, Dep. Dir., PISGS

### **Members Absent:**

Watts, Kim, Brink's (Training Committee)

### **Also Present:**

Robert Booker, Exec. Dir., OIU  
Andy Spencer, ODPS, Legislative Liaison  
Anne Vitale, ODPS Legal  
Sandra Bashir-Muhammad, PISGS (Training Committee Designee for Earl Mack)

- **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm.
- **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken separately for each committee. There was a quorum for each committee.
  
- **Joint Committee Meeting** – **Chairman Cohen** opened the meeting the joint committees meeting by reviewing the purpose for each committee.
  
- **Introduction** – A round table introduction for each committee member, and each ODPS representative.

#### **1. Training Committee Report: Mike Cohen, Chair, presented this committee report as follows:**

- a. Training Requirements
  1. It was agreed that eight (8) hours of training is reasonable
  2. 8 hours of training required before registration
  3. Applicant must pass a test at the conclusion of training
  4. Applicant has the option to test out of training

- b. The industry seems to be in favor of removing OPOTA of all training responsibilities pertaining to the private security industry
  - c. Training to be delivered by certified instructors designated by the qualifying agent and certified by ODPS
    - 1. Curriculum will be approved by ODPS
    - 2. Example: Eight (8) hour New York Curriculum
    - 3. The applicant will be responsible for training costs
    - 4. Tests will be on-line (secure link), or on paper with a proctor
    - 5. Testing must occur on an approved test site
    - 6. Software will be re-written for testing
  - c. Optional training and continuing education will be encouraged for all employees to raise their competency and level of professionalism
  - d. Currently registered employees will be grandfathered
  - f. To carry a firearm, the licensee or registered employee must comply with the following:
    - 1. Satisfactorily complete a basic firearm training program approved by ODPS
    - 2. The firearm training instructor must be approved and certified by ODPS
    - 3. Satisfactorily completed firearm training program within the last year approved by ODPS as equivalent to such program and presents documented evidence that training shall be acceptable
    - 4. Requalification is required annually
  - g. The curriculum will go into rule
  - h. Anne Vitale will research previous legislation used for appropriate language to be utilized
  - i. Each provider may use Qualifying Agent as their authorized trainer on staff
  - j. A maximum training fee will be determined. Fees will go in to law. Suggestion of \$25.
- Mr. Cohen advised this committee has chosen the New York training program as the format for the Ohio training program.

At the conclusion of this committee report, the floor was opened for comments, questions, and/or discussion.

**Points of Discussion:**

- There was a question regarding separate tests for the security guards and private investigators, or will they take the same test. Mr. Cohen responded the committee only discussed one test. He added that maybe there should be separate tests if it will be more beneficial for the license class.
- Discussion regarding copyright issues for the eight hour training disc from New York was opened. Mr. Korn already researched with New York and stated because the information on the disc will be changed to meet the needs of the Ohio training program, there will be no issue.
- D D Mack advised he also spoke with the Assistant Director of Training in New York regarding their program. He added that he will have further conversation with them regarding the training program information. He added that he will work with Anne if an agreement is needed.

- The question of testing limits was opened by Mr. Owens. He stated the reasons he feels there should be a cap/limit on testing. E D Booker responded that we can set our own standards regarding testing, and we can even flag applicants that have taken the test multiple times.
- Further discussion regarding test limits included the applicant retaking the 8-hour training if applicant fails multiple times. The additional fees for applicant retesting was briefly discussed. Continued discussion led to a vote on whether or not to put a limit on the tests. The vote was taken by show of hands that resulted in no limit on testing. E D Booker added to keep in mind this is a work in process that can be changed later on down the road.
- Mr. Cohen asked for a vote regarding separate tests for security guards and private investigators, or one test for both. The vote was taken by show of hands and resulted in separate tests for each. Mr. Cohen stated the committee will work on the two test issue, and the curriculum for the two tests.
- Discussion continued regarding the separate training curriculum and testing for security guards and private investigators. Mr. Cohen stated the committee has not worked on curriculum. The only thing looked at have been the concepts of the training. This discussion continued regarding curriculum but nothing was decided.
- Anne asked for confirmation regarding the research where she is to look for language regarding certifying the trainers. Mr. Cohen confirmed. There was discussion regarding OPOTC standards, but determined they don't want those same standards.

*(Training Committee Approved Minutes on 04-05-12 as presented)*

**2. Portability Committee Report**

**3. Legislative Committee Report**

- **Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm**