



MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2024-05D

Re-establishing the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board and Certification Program and Creation of the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

WHEREAS, to improve the important relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve, the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board (“Collaborative”) was created to provide a forum for open discussion between public members representing the community and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative has been meeting to discuss community-law enforcement relationships since July of 2015, creating Ohio’s first minimum standards and associated model departmental policies and best practices that local communities are encouraged to adopt; and

WHEREAS, after its several years of engagement, thirteen (13) standards have been created with some or all of these standards being adopted by the majority of Ohio’s law enforcement agencies through the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Certification Program; and

WHEREAS, despite the successful adoption of the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Certification Program standards by the community and law enforcement agencies, there is need for continued collaboration and relationship building between Ohio’s citizens and its law enforcement officers to enhance trust and transparency which is essential for building safe communities and creating and sustaining opportunities for all Ohioans.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby order and direct the following:

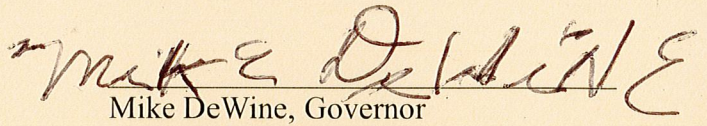
1. Executive Order 2015-04K, “Establishing the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board,” is hereby rescinded and superseded by this Order, effective when this Executive Order (2024-05D) takes effect. With the rescission of Executive Order 2015-04K, the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board is hereby re-established by this Order (2024-05D) and shall replace the “Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board” that was created under Executive Order 2015-04K.

2. The Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board will continue to consist of twelve (12) persons previously appointed by me, plus additional ex officio members as I may designate, and will continue to include both public members and law enforcement officers. I will continue to appoint a Chairperson from among the twelve members. Members of the Collaborative will continue to serve three- (3-) year terms, to be staggered so that no more than four (4) members' terms will end every year. For clarity, it is the intention of this Order that the existing membership and staff of the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board under Executive Order 2015-04K are carried over to the new Collaborative along with all documents and policies.
3. As part of its work, the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board will offer two levels of recognition for law enforcement agencies that choose to participate in the Collaborative process. These include the previously established Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Certification Program and the new Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.
4. The Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement **Certification** Program is hereby re-established and the Collaborative will continue to advise and work with the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the Ohio Department of Public Safety on maintaining the current Certification standards.
 - a. Certification will continue to be available to law enforcement agencies that elect to meet the Collaborative's two primary minimum standards:
 - i. the proper use of force, including deadly force, and
 - ii. recruiting, hiring, and screening of potential law enforcement officer candidates.
 - b. A law enforcement agency that becomes certified in these and any other standard(s) will be required to be reviewed for recertification every four (4) years from the date of the agency's initial certification. If an agency fails to continue to meet the Certification standard(s), without good cause, the Collaborative shall remove the agency's status of Certified, upon review of all relevant information.
5. This Order creates the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement **Accreditation** Program to recognize agencies that voluntarily meet all certification standards and any additional standards developed by the Collaborative. Law enforcement agencies that meet these core standards will have attained the highest level of professionalism. The goal of the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is to create meaningful and sustainable standardization of law enforcement practices, while increasing transparency for the community.

- a. To be designated as Accredited, an agency must complete all program standards.
 - b. The Collaborative, through OCJS, shall develop model agency policies for law enforcement agencies who choose to pursue Accreditation in the standards recently adopted by the Collaborative as well as a program manual as the foundation of the Accreditation program.
 - c. The Collaborative, through OCJS, will roll out the Accreditation program in phases, beginning with a group to include no less than ten (10) law enforcement agencies, varying in size and geographic region to operationalize the Accreditation program, establishing a pathway for all Ohio law enforcement agencies to participate. Upon completion of this first round of Accreditation, all law enforcement agencies in Ohio will be invited to participate in the Accreditation program.
 - d. A law enforcement agency who completes Accreditation shall be issued a Certificate of Accreditation by the Collaborative. All Accredited agencies will be required to be reviewed for re-accreditation every four (4) years from the date of the agency's initial accreditation, with annual and bi-annual requirements. If an agency fails to continue to meet the Accreditation standards, without good cause, upon review of all relevant information the Collaborative shall remove the agency's status of Accreditation.
6. The Collaborative, through OCJS, will annually issue a report on the status of the Accreditation agencies as well as those agencies that have achieved or are pursuing Certification. All annual reports published by OCJS shall include each law enforcement agency's compliance or noncompliance with any such new or modified statewide minimum standards.
 7. The Collaborative, through OCJS, may also:
 - a. Recommend additional standards or new tiers of standards of Accreditation.
 - b. Recommend additional model agency policies and best practices for law enforcement agencies in Ohio.
 - c. Evaluate the effectiveness of any statewide minimum standards and/or model agency policies and best practices developed by the Collaborative and, if necessary, recommend modifications to the same.
 6. OCJS shall administer all programmatic needs of the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Certification Program and the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Accreditation Program and the Collaborative shall meet at least quarterly. Reasonable staff support and resources necessary for the Collaborative to fulfill its obligations as outlined in this Executive Order shall be provided by the State of

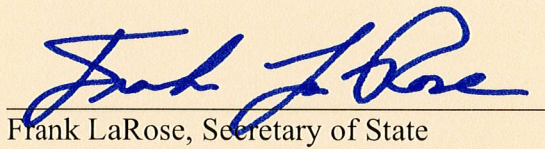
Ohio through OCJS. The Chairperson and members of the Collaborative shall serve without compensation for their work on the Collaborative but may be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses in the conduct of Collaborative business.

I signed this Executive Order on March 15, 2024, in Columbus, Ohio, and it shall not expire unless rescinded.


Mike DeWine, Governor



ATTEST:


Frank LaRose, Secretary of State

Filed on 3/15/2024
Per Timothy M. DeWine
In the Office of the Secretary
of State at Columbus, OH
FRANK LaROSE
Secretary of State