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### **OHIO AWARDS CERTIFICATION TO ANSONIA P.D. AND SIDNEY P.D. FOR ADOPTING NEW POLICE STANDARDS**

COLUMBUS – Ansonia and Sidney Police Departments have adopted and fully implemented the new state standards recently established by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board as part of the state’s efforts to strengthen community and police relations.

The agencies join Medina Police Department, Colerain Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office and Coldwater Police Department who recently became “certified” by meeting new statewide 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 12-member 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.

“We are proud to announce that Ansonia and Sidney Police Departments are joining the four other agencies in making a commitment to provide outstanding services in their communities,” said Karhlton Moore, Executive Director of the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS).

Certifications will continue throughout 2016. The first list of all Ohio compliant agencies will be published in March 2017.

For more information on the Ohio Collaborative, the certification process for law enforcement, a list of agencies who have been certified and the Ohio Community-Police Relations Grant Program, please visit: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/>

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