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PISGS Kicks Off "Summer Training Campaign"

The PISGS training team regularly shares opportunities for training with the industry, however this summer a campaign was created to bring heightened awareness to various free trainings provided at the state and federal level. The launch of this campaign coincides with the increase in outdoor activities and events throughout Ohio during the summer months and the need for security presence. By bringing awareness to these free training opportunities, PISGS hopes to aid the industry in keeping Ohioans safe as they venture out to enjoy the warmer weather. These trainings focus on everything from responding to bomb threats and managing large crowds, to bag checking tips and screening techniques and are products of the Department of Homeland Security, as well as the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio Private Investigation Security Services Commission.

PISGS will promote training opportunities on a weekly basis, all summer long.

To kick off the campaign, PISGS has created a video promoting its own online training modules:

1. Role of a Security Guard and Private Investigator
2. Access Control

Watch video here:

<https://youtu.be/szTTyn3oJGO>

Stay tuned each week for another FREE training opportunity.

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PISGS Behind the Scenes

Our Mission:

To maintain a standard of excellence for the private investigator and security guard industry by ensuring all applicants meet the established criteria for licensing and registration, and enforcing the laws governing the industry to protect the safety of the citizens of Ohio.

PISGS is comprised of three units working together toward this mission:

Licensing & Registration:

On an annual basis, the PISGS Licensing and Registration Unit processes on average:

16,989 New registration applications

12,803 Registration renewal applications

88 New provider applications

676 Provider renewal applications

3,396 FAB applications (New and renewal)

*statistics calculated over four-year period 2015-2018

The licensing and registration unit also handles the scheduling and administration of the Qualifying Agent exam, customer service and online access support, and monitoring of licensee insurance compliance.

Enforcement Unit

The PISGS Enforcement Unit is made up of 4 Enforcement Investigators and an Enforcement Supervisor. All complaints made to PISGS regarding security guards and private investigators are channeled through the enforcement staff. The investigators also conduct unannounced compliance checks across the state to ensure compliance with the law.

On average, the PISGS Enforcement Unit conducts approximately 1500 compliance checks and handles approximately 50 violation cases per year. Violation cases can be either administrative (for licensed companies) or criminal (for unlicensed).

*statistics calculated over four-year period 2015-2018

Training and Outreach Unit

The Training and Outreach Unit was added to PISGS in 2016, for the purpose of providing training opportunities to the industry and educational information to the public. The PISGS website includes a training link with numerous free and easily accessible training opportunities for security guards and private investigators. The training unit also works with the Ohio Private Investigation and Security Services Commission (OPISSC) to develop online training modules of its own.

Outreach is conducted regularly to educate the public on the importance of hiring only licensed security guard companies and private investigators. Since the Training and Outreach Unit's inception, outreach has been conducted to over 15,000 entities across the state who have the potential to hire security guards or private investigators.



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Voluntary Accreditation Program

Congratulations to Licensees Achieving Level 1 Accreditation

- Nationwide Insurance
- Forensics Evidence Detective and Protective Agency
- Health and Safety Sciences, LLC. DBA: Talon Group

For more information on the Voluntary Accreditation Program, click here: <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov/accreditation.stm>



Did you know?

The Ohio Department of Public Safety is at the Ohio State Fair. Check us out in the air-conditioned Bricker Marketplace Building.

2018 Fair Dates: July 25 – August 5



UPCOMING EVENTS

Qualifying Agent Exam.....July 11

OPISSC Meeting..... July 19

Informational Seminar.....July 19

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