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**Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) Training Course:  
March 13-14 2018**

**0800-1530 hours**

**CRASH TO COURT: COURTROOM SUCCESS**

**No Cost/ Grant Sponsored**

**Active Law Enforcement (any state) or Prosecutors only**

**Instructor (s):  
Professor  
John Kwasnoski**

**Approved for 10  
ACTAR CEUs**

**This course has  
been approved by  
the Supreme  
Court of Ohio  
Commission on  
Continuing Legal  
Education for  
10.5 total CLE**

**Training  
Located at:  
9577 Beckett Rd.  
West Chester,  
Ohio 45069**

**Topics covered in the class will include:**

- Overview, You Have to Know the Rules
- What's at stake when you take the oath?
- Qualifications exercise
- Direct examination fundamentals: credibility, listening, visualization
- Preparing for trial, assignment of direct examination fact patterns
- Preparation of direct testimony, work session (developing exhibits)
- Debrief on direct examination exercise
- Prevailing in the Cross Examination:
- The real purpose of cross examination
- Defense strategies
- Defense attorney control tactics
- How to be prepared for cross examination tactics  
(including practice cross exam scenarios)

**Attendees:** Crash Investigators, Reconstructionists, OVI Enforcement Officers, DREs, Detectives, Prosecutors

**OTSO Training course:  
Co-Sponsors OTARA, Butler County OVI  
Task Force, held at West Chester PD**



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# CRASH TO COURT: COURTROOM SUCCESS

Without formal training focusing on the procedures of the trial, the rules of the courtroom, the expectations of the jury, etc. many crash reconstruction officers have to rely in their instinct to be the best witness they can. Legal Sciences' **COURTROOM SUCCESS** training gives officers a foundation and structure to support their individual styles, and goes far beyond the "how to dress" and "where to look" rules. This training includes hands-on activities including a mock trial that exposes officers to a wide range of testifying styles, the equivalence of many years of testifying.

"I wish I had this training before I testified for the first time. I've been on the stand many times since then, but I never heard about the things we talked about in this training."

**Lt. David Boyt**, Georgia State Patrol,  
veteran of more than 15 years

"I testified in a civil case the day after our class in Salem, and I found that I was much more comfortable and confident while being cross-examined. Your class was exceptional, and I would really like others in my unit to attend in the future."

**Sgt. Dan Crevier**, North Andover P.D.



MARCH 13-14, 2018; 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
West Chester Police Department, 9577 Beckett  
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**Prior classes:** NYPD Highway Division  
Michigan State Police  
New York State Police  
North Carolina Highway Patrol  
Idaho State Police  
RI Office of the Attorney General

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# AGENDA

## Day 1

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<b>8:00 – 8:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>8:30 – 8:45</b>	<b>Overview of the course, logistics for the mock trial</b>
<b>8:45 – 9:45</b>	<b>You Have to Know the Rules</b> <b>What's at stake when you take the oath?</b> <b>Qualifications</b> <b>Direct examination fundamentals: credibility, listening, visualization</b>
<b>9:45 – 10:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Direct examination fundamentals, continued (10 minute break included)</b>
<b>12:00 – 1:15</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:15 – 2:15</b>	<b>Prevailing in the Cross Examination:</b> <b>    The real purpose of cross examination</b> <b>    Defense strategies</b> <b>    Defense attorney control tactics</b>
<b>2:15 – 2:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>2:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>Overview of State v. Farner, evaluating the case for trial</b> <b>Preparing for trial, assignment of direct examination fact patterns</b>

## Day 2

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<b>8:00 – 8:30</b>	<b>Preparation of direct testimony, work session</b>
<b>8:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>Mock trial exercise (breaks included)</b> <b>Each witness will have 6-8 minutes to present their testimony to a live jury (if available), and will be cross examined (10-minute breaks)</b>
<b>12:30 – 1:45</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:45 – 2:45</b>	<b>Debrief on the direct examination exercise</b> <b>Additional defense attacks on the Farner case</b> <b>How a better investigation can affect the trial outcome</b>
<b>2:45 – 3:00</b>	<b>Summary, evaluations</b>