



Ongoing In-Service Training for Bike Officers

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I conduct annual quarterly training for the bike team of my own department and have done so since becoming certified. The training is one full day the first month of each quarter. Our typical annual training includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- January:** Slow speed cone work, maneuverability, urban obstacles, etc., usually conducted in a warehouse, but we ride outside, weather permitting.
- April:** Street riding, group riding, and urban obstacles (stairs, parking blocks, curbs, etc.), as we ride through the city.
- July:** Bike-specific firearms program at the Franklin (OH) PD outdoor range in the morning, followed by an afternoon off-road ride at Caesar Creek State Park.
- October:** Long group ride, to include urban obstacles, drafting, mechanical advantage, pursuits, etc. When possible we also conduct simulation training using Simunition® scenarios.

By the end of each year, each officer has undergone refresher training on the vast majority of the IPMBA certification course content, and then some.

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