



## ANTHONY PIERSON OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

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**Jeanine Hummer** introduced colleague and friend, **Anthony Pierson**. They initially met at the Attorney General's office. He has vast experience in criminal law that includes and has recently joined the Franklin County Prosecutor's office as Deputy Chief Legal Counsel. He obtained his law degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. His interest in criminal law was spawned after his mother was the victim of an armed robbery at a gas station when he was a young boy. He felt a call to do something.

Pierson specializes in officer involved shootings. These cases are especially difficult because many Prosecutors do not want to pursue them. Typically, witnesses include police officers that must judge the training and competence of their fellow officers. These cases can often have a backlash of future implications and can be very challenging to handle. Officers are trained to run towards problems, not retreat from them. Evaluating their competency in split second decisions can be quite difficult.

Pierson read the law to follow as provided for instruction to a Grand Jury. The law includes probable cause, use of deadly force, environmental conditions including night darkness, and language for reasonable conduct.

Testimony of training officers includes, "reasonable standards" analysis. Officers can't wait for a shot and must take, "Action before reaction."

Situational anxiety is another factor that impacts the officer and again, must be analyzed during testimonies.

Pierson invited Jessica Grisez to demonstrate reaction time of makeshift crime situation. Determining the exact "instant" the action needs to be taken is quite difficult. John Trapp also joined in another demonstration, again highlighting the complexity of this task. Anthony explained that not all subjects pose a threat, but determining "reasonable action" whether charges are pursued. He feels better training is essential. If residents cannot trust the police, they will not call the police.

#### Q&A:

- Recent cases including an officer involved shooting in Blendon Township could not be addressed because case is still pending evaluation.
- Disrespect of officers can be address by more community interaction. There needs to be trust in the departments and this is facilitated by having working relationships.
- Body cameras have made a huge impact on cases. Usually, they affirm that the officer reacted properly and cases can be evaluated accurately.
- Collateral damage from officer fire is a training issue. They should evaluate backstop of target before firing. Unfortunately, it does occur but officers are protected if the conduct/actions are reasonable.
- Special cases in Minnesota with Taser confused for a gun may indicate failed training and judgment, but without review the entire case it is difficult to evaluate.

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## GREETERS

### September 26

Don Leach  
Kelly Marlow

### October 3

Matt Hare  
Yvonne Perotti

### October 10

Frank Pacetta  
Steve Rish

## REGISTRATION DESK

### September 26

John Cleland

### October 3

Don Leach  
Brian Bainbridge

### October 10

J.D. Dickerson  
Jim Nicklaus

## CALENDAR

### September 26 - Scioto CC/Zoom

David Uhl – Rotary District 6690  
District Governor  
Host: Andy Livingston

### October 3 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Andy Livingston & John Trapp –  
Membership Drive

### October 10 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Travis Gulling – A Kid Again  
Host: Debbie Johnson

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

# SEPTEMBER 26TH

Scioto CC/Zoom

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



## THE MEETING



The September 19, 2023 Upper Arlington Rotary Meeting at Scioto Country Club with online access to members available via Zoom. Vice President **Angela Lanctot** rang the bell to begin the meeting with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by **Mike Turnbull**.

**Jeanine Hummer** introduced **Krista Pierson**, wife of the program speaker. Jeanine also introduced UA Interact students **Reese Moser** and **Philip Gu**.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Jami Sisto** reminded the club of a Thursday Social/Bocce Ball gathering at the Italian Club located at 1739 W Third at 6PM. Bocce ball is low impact fun and there will also be a food truck.

**Doug Goddard** announced the kickoff for the W Broad Street Elementary Coat Drive. There are QR codes available to contribute to this effort.

**Jessica Grisez** is assuming Programing responsibilities and is looking for members to join this committee. She is also open to speaker suggestions.

**Don Trotier** announced he has joined the Great-Grandparents club, time two. Jimmy and Sara Trotier, and Dr Dan & Kate Trotier have each welcomed a daughter.

**John Trapp** gave a hint that our Membership drive will coming this Fall. More to follow.

**Debbie Johnson** gave an update on Rotary International Foundation. New 125 members include **Chris & Connie Ashchinger**, **John Cleland**, **Brent Jackson**, and **Brad Britton**. Members can mail a check to Debbie, or access online and pay through Rotary Direct. She will gladly assist members with their mobile devices if they would like to contribute.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>



## ROTARY ROUNDTABLE

Our next Rotary Roundtable on October 17 at 11 am will feature Scott Lerdon, Colonel, ANG, 121st Wing Commander, Air Refueling and his wife Elena (Lt Col, USAF, retired) sharing their experiences and showing our tax dollars at work!

## SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Upper Arlington Rotarians direct our Rotary giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

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