Some of the training opportunities within the City of Columbus and Franklin County include:

Neighborhood Best Practices Conference (NBPC) - The conference goals are to strengthen, promote communication and collaboration between neighborhood groups, community partners and local government. It is also an opportunity for community residents of various ages and backgrounds to discuss neighborhood best practices, current trends and most critically to network with other neighborhoods.

For more information please visit the Neighborhood Best Practices Conference Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Neighborhood-Best-Practices-Conference/133005833383076

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

For more information please visit FEMA's website at http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams and Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security's Website at http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/Volunteers.cfm

Citizens Police Academy (CPA) - The Citizen Police Academy is a look into the values, philosophy, and operation of the Columbus Division of Police. Designed for the residents of Columbus, the Academy educates citizens about the 'how's and why's' of the Division, and the citizen's role in the Community Oriented Policing philosophy. Students are expected to share this realistic view of the Division with other citizens to improve the efficiency of law enforcement and order maintenance in their neighborhoods through shared responsibilities and resources.

For more information please visit Citizens Police Academy's website at http://www.columbuspolice.org/CommunityInteraction/CitizensAcademy.html

Operation: Street Smart Drug Education - The Franklin County Sheriff's Office created Operation Street Smart in July 2002 as a way to take community oriented policing to a new level. Street Smart is a collaborative effort between D.A.R.E. and the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), which is the Sheriff's Office undercover narcotics branch. The goal of Street Smart is to provide current and up-to-date narcotics information on trends, terminology, paraphernalia, and physiological effects to those individuals who deal with today's youth on a daily basis.

For more information please visit the Operation Street Smart website at http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/operation-street-smart-drug-education.cfm and their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Operation-Street-Smart/231077473571499

Bridging the Gap – Officers in Columbus, Ohio are visiting high schools and other areas of the community to teach the next generation that they are not invincible. They are re-enacting scenarios gleaned from the streets, they share tips on how teens and young adults should conduct themselves during encounters with police.

For more information please visit the Bridging the Gap website at http://www.fop9.org/bridging.html

Coalition for a Nonviolent Columbus - Mayor Michael B. Coleman established the Coalition for a Nonviolent Columbus to engage and encourage residents to become involved in their neighborhoods' success, act as a forum for studying and applying best practice theories and serve as an initial review and recommendation board for neighborhood seed grants.

For more information please visit the Coalition for a Nonviolent Columbus' website at http://mayor.columbus.gov/Nonviolent-Columbus/ and their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/NonviolentColumbus