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The KYASRO Board of Directors would like to thank Todd Brendel for two great terms of office as President. You will be missed!!

During his time in the Erlanger/Elsmere School District, Officer Todd Brendel has been slimed, forced to ride a donkey, and duct-taped by students to the cafeteria wall multiple times.

And he's enjoyed every minute of it.

Brendel, the school district's resource officer for the past 11 years, will not return to the district next year, as he seeks to devote more time to his duties at the Erlanger Police Department. He will be replaced by two part-time resource officers next year.

"We're very sad to see him go, because he's such a terrific person and he's done a great job," said Superintendent Kathy Burkhardt at the May 13 school board meeting. "He's certainly going to be missed."

Burkhardt said Brendel was always known for his willingness to participate in quirky fundraisers, most of which often ended with him in precarious or unenviable positions, such as being duct-taped to a cafeteria wall in a Christmas-time fundraiser.

"Oh man - it's been fun," said Brendel, shaking his head as he recalled some of the instances. "I've definitely enjoyed it."

But Brendel was known for more than just his easy-going nature and positive attitude. In 2002, he was recognized as the Resource of the Year from the Kentucky Crime Watch Coalition, and received the 2005 Youth Crime Watch Award.

Beyond that he ran the D.A.R.E. program in each of the schools in the district, and chaperoned countless dances and school functions and coached the Tichenor girls' basketball team, served as dignitary in the Special Olympics and participated in the Northern Kentucky Creek Clean Up with

students from Tichenor and Lloyd Memorial.

"He's someone we've always been able to count on, and the kids just love him," said Burkhardt.

The district also recognized five other employees who will be retiring at the end of the school year; Karen Boyle, Jahnett Dickman, Nancy Harris,

Susan Knasel and Janet Spaulding.

"We've been fortunate to have so many great people in our district, and we wish them all well as they move on to the next chapter of their lives," said Burkhardt.

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CONFERENCE REMINDERS

7th Annual Safe Schools and Communities Conference

- June 14- 17, 2010 Holiday Inn, Cincinnati Airport Erlanger, KY

Youth Leadership Symposium

- June 28-29, 2010 Capital Plaza Hotel Frankfort, KY

23RD D.A.R.E. INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE



The D.A.R.E. International Training Conference will be held July 20-22, 2010 at Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati, Ohio. Duke Energy Center is located just steps away from hotels, restaurants, retail & entertainment. For the D.A.R.E. conference, a very extraordinary lodging rate of \$134, plus tax, per night has been negotiated for the

following hotels: Hilton, Hyatt Regency, and the Millennium.

Room rates for these hotels usually start at \$159. It has also been negotiated that the special D.A.R.E. conference lodging rate is good for a few days before and after the conference, dependent upon room availability. So bring your family, come early or extend your stay and combine an outstanding conference experience with an exceptional vacation opportunity.

INFO ON CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference registration includes access to all conference activities including: general/plenary sessions and workshops, welcome reception, awards

luncheon, networking luncheon, and conference banquet.

DISCOUNTED RATE

Early Registration \$425* (Ends July 1st, 2010) On-Site Registration \$525*

* Discounted registration requires attendee lodging at one of the D.A.R.E. designated hotels listed above and a Passkey acknowledgement number documented on the Conference Reservation.

NON-DISCOUNTED RATE

Registration fees will be \$695 (Early) and \$795 (On-Site) if a Passkey acknowledgement number IS NOT included on the Conference Reservation.

For more information please go to: <http://www.dare.com/officers/>



2010 NASRO CONFERENCE

The 2010 National Association of School Resource Officers will be holding their School Safety Conference from August 2 –6, 2010. This years conference will be held at the Galt House Hotel and Suites. Registration fees are: NASRO Members: \$500, Non-Members: \$550, Multi-Agency Discount: \$450 (5 or more from same agency, registering at the same time).

KYASRO AWARD WINNERS FOR 2010

SRO OF THE YEAR – GLENN WOODARD, WARREN COUNTY SO

REGION 1 – ROBERT BUBACZ, LOGAN COUNTY S.O.

REGION 2 – HOWARD GARRISON, GLASGOW P.D.

REGION 3 – SEAN PATE, JEFFERSON COUNTY S.O.

REGION 4 – NICK KLAISS, COVINGTON P.D.

REGION 6 – BRAD EARLY, MODEL LAB, ECU

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR – WHITNEY MAUPIN,
RICHMOND P.D.

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR – CHUCK CASH, MADISON SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL



**A special thanks to all
who nominated for the
2010 KYASRO Awards**



KYASRO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2010



- Adam Drury, East Jessamine High School
- Ashiana Ketron, Ryle High School
- Justin Lang, Mason County High School

These high school seniors have demonstrated a great contribution to crime prevention and safety in their schools. The KYASRO Association is proud to honor these students with a \$500 academic scholarship.

For further information regarding the KYASRO Scholarship Program, please contact the Kentucky Center for School Safety at 1-877-805-4277.

NEW SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ON-LINE RESOURCE

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new resource for law enforcement officers, *Safe Routes to School for Law Enforcement*. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national effort to encourage and enable children, grades K-8, to safely walk and bicycle to school. The reinforcement of safe behaviors by educators, parents, and law enforcement will help to keep the children in your community safe.

Your participation in SRTS is important. First, as a law enforcement professional, no one commands the attention of the public and audiences like you do. Secondly, enforcement is an essential component in traffic safety alongside education and engineering. Only through the involvement of you and your agency can the program be comprehensive and successful in enhancing safety for children.

To aid you in your local SRTS efforts, the *Safe Routes to School for Law Enforcement* resource includes a wide variety of tools such as:

- Tips for law enforcement officers on

walking and bicycling safety;

- Take away materials for students, parents, school staff, and others;
- Talking points on bicycle and pedestrian safety;
- Tips on addressing parental concerns;
- Links to related sites for resource materials; and
- Activities for children.

Your involvement and participation in SRTS provides a number of benefits to your agency. Involvement will:



- Reinforce law enforcement's positive image in your community
- Improve safety of children traveling to school;
- Engage children in traffic safety at a young age;
- Create a lifetime of safe travel habits through walking and bicycling;

- Increase bicycle helmet use;
- Create opportunities for training; and
- Create opportunities for federal funding of SRTS initiatives.

Safe Routes to School promotes healthy activity for children while at the same time, it provides the opportunity for law enforcement to engage in positive interaction with the public and enhance your image in the community.

The resource, *Safe Routes to School for Law Enforcement* can be found at: <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement/>

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USING THE INTERNET AS A JUVENILE VIOLENCE PREVENTION

If the message that social media and the Internet are changing how law enforcement agencies approach crime hasn't hit home for your department yet, it's time to take note.

The Internet has become a ripe breeding ground for sexual predators, gang recruitment, cyber bullying, and child porn. The web hosts forums for terrorists to exchange information or for drug addicts to post the latest cocktail for meth. And eleven years after the Columbine school shooting incident, students are still posting messages of hate and violence on their MySpace pages or online chat rooms.

Constable Scott Mills, with Toronto Police Service and School Crime Stoppers, says that there is a major communication gap between modern youth and their adult mentors relating to technology.

"A problem still exists with police officers, probation officers, and youth workers not having the proper equipment to effectively use technology as a violence prevention tool," Mills said. "In reality, all that is needed is a computer hooked up to the Internet." So if officers have all the equipment they need, what are some initial steps that they can do to reach out to juveniles and stop violent acts before they happen?

First, simply ask the juvenile in question for their e-mail address, their social networking site, or video sharing web site URL. Never ask for passwords, but instead strive to have a healthy two-way dialogue with the person about their Internet postings.

"Once disturbing material is found relating to suicide, drug usage/sale, gang activity, terrorism, bullying, school shooting plots and many other issues, then something can be done to engage the person in the counseling he or she needs that will prevent a violent act for occurring. You now will have online evidence to show to parents, school administrators and social service workers who will be able to help the youth with whatever problem they are having," Mills explains.

When investigating a youth involved in a serious incident, it's important to get all of the contact information from their e-mail accounts or chat buddy lists. Mills says that during one Toronto investigation, the e-mail addresses collected from student Hotmail accounts were used to send an invitation to view a YouTube video making a plea for tips in the disappearance of three missing teens.

The main mission of any officer

engaging with the youth community is to break down walls between law enforcement and kids, to help teens who hate cops trust officers to keep them safe.

Mills suggests creating Facebook groups and YouTube pages that connect with the community in a real sense. For example, he uses the BMX bike trend and graffiti to interact with teens. Watching a YouTube video of a cop



doing "legal graffiti" might help teens see officers in a new light and help them build relationships with the local law enforcement.

Officers should look to programs like Crime Stoppers as examples for how law enforcement, the media, and the community can interact to solve and prevent crime. The not-for-profit community-based program encourages the public to call with information concerning local crimes. Over the past

FREE FIREARM SAFETY DVD

Students learn to make the right decision when encountering a gun in an unsupervised situation.

Today's kids are living in a fast-paced, multi-media culture where sometimes what's real is hard to distinguish from what's not. Take, for example, a child who encounters a gun in an unsupervised situation or knows that a classmate has brought a firearm to school. Do your students understand the real-life consequences of their decisions in those situations? These videos help instill quick, thoughtful, responsible decision-making that can help avert a serious accident or incident.

DVD Features

- No cost - free to all educators
- Three videos that can supplement School Safety or Health Curricula
- Teacher guides and activity masters
- Preview the videos online and download the supplemental materials at <http://nssf.org/requestForms/safetyDVD.cfm>
- The well-known and popular McGruff and Scruff characters are featured in the video for younger children, ensuring enthusiastic viewing.
- The videos present scenarios involving friends and firearms and raise the "what would you do" question, offering solutions to making fast, safety-conscious decisions.

<http://nssf.org/requestForms/safetyDVD.cfm> free order link and links to download teachers guides, brochures, etc.

GREENWOOD HIGH STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT SEATBELT SAFETY

Before senior prom and graduation the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety taught Greenwood High School seniors a lesson about wearing your seatbelt.

The Highway Safety Office brought its rollover simulator and showed what can happen to unbelted people in a rollover crash at just nineteen miles per hour.

"Makes me wanna start wearing their seatbelt bout everytime I leave the house everywhere I go cause, I would hate to be rolled out of my car at nineteen miles per hour like that," said senior Daniel Deason.

"Should make people want to wear they're seat belts more cause as it showed a baby getting slung out of a car also a human being slung out the window," said fellow senior Michael Wheeler.

According to the school resource officer, in a recent survey given at Greenwood High 90% wear their seat belts while driving.



CELEBRATION SEASON: PREVENTING SUBSTANCE ABUSE DURING PROM AND GRADUATION SEASON

High school prom and graduation are important milestones in a young person's life, and the season is often marked with parties, outings, and other celebrations. During this time, teens may feel more pressure to celebrate by partying with illicit drugs, alcohol, or even prescription (Rx) drugs. In fact, from 2008 to 2009, the percent of teens who say their "friends usually get high at parties" increased from 69 percent to 75 percent.[1] Further, studies show that 56 percent of teens believe Rx drugs are easier to get than illegal drugs,[2] and more than half (55.9%) of people who use Rx drugs nonmedically say they got the drugs from a friend or relative for free.[3]

It's up to parents, teachers, and the local community to help teens celebrate these occasions in a fun and safe manner.

To help prevent teens from turning to prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications as part of their celebrations, the Campaign is offering a new "Teen Prescription Drug Abuse Video Discussion Guide" to accompany the "Teens in Treatment" video. The guide serves as an aid for communities to host discussions with teens and share tips with parents. Both of these resources are available online at <http://www.TheAntiDrug.com/Resources/Teen-rx.aspx>.

Schools and community organizations can also take advantage of the downloadable and customizable "Senior Year" and "Prom" Open Letter advertisements - both are available in color and black and white, and are accessible online at <http://www.TheAntiDrug.com/OpenLetter>. A vibrant "Prom" postcard is also available to order for distribution to youth at www.TheAntiDrug.com/Resources.

Other customizable ads, as well as many FREE resources such as brochures, CD-ROMs, posters, and postcards, are available to help community groups and parents address the abuse of drugs and alcohol, as well as other risky behaviors. Please visit www.TheAntiDrug.com/Resources to download materials or place your order.

Tips for Parents

By following a few simple tips, parents in your community can help keep their teens safe during prom and graduation celebrations:

- Set clear rules about no drug and alcohol use, establish consequences, and reinforce expectations.
- Provide safe and fun alternatives such as chaperoned alcohol and drug-free after prom and graduation parties.
- Be aware and ask questions; know who they will be with, where they will be, and at what times.

At this time of year, parents need to be aware of what their teens are doing and talk to them about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, the consequences of using, and the risks to their future. Bad choices, like using drugs or alcohol, could change their lives forever.

COPS Secure Our Schools Program Grant Opportunity

The COPS Office is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) 2010 grant program. Approximately \$16 million is available in FY 2010 to provide funding to law enforcement agencies to assist with the development of school safety resources and provide improved security at schools and on school grounds. All local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority within a partner primary or secondary school are eligible to apply.

Please note that applications will only be accepted through the COPS website this year. The online application system for FY 2010 applicants will be available on or around June 2, 2010. **There will be two deadlines for the FY 2010 Secure Our Schools program. The deadline for priority consideration will be June 21, 2010, and the second and final deadline will be July 2, 2010.**

Secure Our Schools Program Overview

A COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) grant provides funding to state, local, or tribal governments to assist with the development of school safety resources. This funding will allow recipients the opportunity to establish and enhance a variety of school safety equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of school safety efforts within their communities. The COPS Office is optimistic that this grant program will help place agencies at the forefront of innovative school safety developments. Funding under this program may be requested for such things as:

- Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Security assessments
- Security training of personnel and students
- Coordination with local law enforcement
- Any other measure that may provide a significant improvement in security.

Go to www.cops.usdoj.gov for more information.

41st Annual School Security Conference

Conference Details:

Monday, July 19, 2010 through noon, Wednesday, July 21, 2010, (free pre-conference session on Sunday July, 18, 2010, (9:00AM - 12:00PM)

Location:

The Wilshire Grand Hotel
930 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90017
1-888-773-2888

For more information visit: <http://www.nassleo.org/conference.shtml>

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