

Kentucky Association for School Resource Officers Newsletter

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SROs in the News:

Please forward us any articles or pictures about SROs in the news. We would like to forward to DOCJT for their email newsletter and display on the KYASRO website. Send to Lee Ann Morrison or Todd

SAVE THE DATE

Seventh Annual Safe Schools and Communities Conference

June 14 - 17, 2010

Holiday Inn, Cincinnati Airport, Erlanger, KY

Lodging room rate: \$86.00 (plus taxes and fees)

Registration fee: \$195.00

- KLEC credit is pending for a 8 - hour session
- EILA credit will be offered for educators for each session

Registration materials will be available soon. If you have any questions, contact leeann.morrison@ksba.org.

Letter From the President

KYASRO Members,

It's that time of year again when all three associations (KCPC, DARE and KYASRO) start planning for the annual safe schools and communities conference. We are very happy to announce that KLEC credit is pending approval for an 8-hour session. We hope that we can continue to help offer training for KYASRO members that have been approved for credit.

Also, I would like to remind everyone that the NASRO conference next year will be held in Louisville, and any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Kentucky has made a strong impression across the country in the area of School Resource Officers, including two of the last three NASRO School Resource Officers of the year. This will be a chance for Kentucky to make a big impression on the rest of the country. Again if you have time to assist with the conference please let the board know. If you would like to assist with the conference, please contact Mike McCauley at mike.mccauley@jefferson.kyschools.us

This is a board election year. It's not too early to start thinking about how you can become involved with the KYASRO board. You will receive election materials in February. If you have any questions about any of the positions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, start thinking about SROs or school administrators you would like to nominate for our annual awards. We would also like to encourage you to take a look at NASRO's website (www.nasro.org) and see what awards are available on a national level.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving,

Officer Todd Brendel

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ATTENTION CANINE OFFICERS

The KYASRO board is trying to compile a list of all canine officers who work in schools. This would allow the KYASRO board to offer opportunities for canine officers to network and share information. If you are currently a canine officer working in schools or know of someone who is, please email leeann.morrison@ksba.org.



Kentucky Center for School Safety Training Calendar

[December 11, 2009](#) - Richmond, ECU Campus, Perkins Building, 8:30 – 3:30

[TRAINING FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS](#)

Morning: (8:30 – 12:00) - [What Makes and Effective School Resource Officer Program:](#)

Presenters will instruct school resource officers, teachers and school administrators on important issues for implementing a successful school resource officer program. Participants will learn how vital it is for SROs and school administrators to work together on strategies to reduce violence and suspensions, and on emergency management planning. Presenters will give examples of best practices used by SROs and principals in making an SRO program productive.

Afternoon: (1:00 – 3:30) - [School Safety on a Budget:](#)

The presenter will provide school resource officers and school officials with low or no-cost ideas to increase their overall facilities security and safety, encompassing personnel, students, emergency planning and campus safety improvements. Implementing a “do the best with what you have” approach will maintain safety and security in schools, despite the economic downturn.

There will be a \$30 fee for this session. EILA credit will be offered.

[December 14 - 15, 2009](#) - Richmond, ECU Campus, Perkins Building, 8:30 – 4:30 (each day)

[ENHANCED THREAT AND RISK ASSESSMENT - LOCAL JURISDICTION](#)

This 2-day course sponsored by the Kentucky Center for Schools Safety is funded by the Training and Exercise Integration Division (TEI) within DHS' National Preparedness Directorate. Instructors will teach participants how to apply all phases of the DHS and FEMA risk management process to jurisdictional critical infrastructure and key resources. Through lectures, discussions and classroom activities, students learn methods to identify and prioritize risks from all hazards, assess vulnerabilities, estimate consequences, and use equipment, training and exercises to mitigate risk.

In today's school environment, safety of students and faculty is foremost in all administrative responsibilities. This 2-day course will prepare all that attend to meet that challenge by 1) development of knowledge, skills and abilities related to Risk Assessments 2) Learning a Department of Homeland Security methodology for addressing identified risk.

There is no fee for this session. EILA credit will be offered.

You can register for all sessions by going to www.kysafeschools.org (training calendar).

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Kentucky Center for School Safety Training Calendar - continued

[March 5, 2010](#) - Lexington, Holiday Inn North, 8:30 - 3:30

KENTUCKY'S DRUG USE AND THEIR IMPACT ON POLICY

Unfortunately, schools are one of the places that many students begin experimenting with drugs. The role that drug use play in school failure, violence, and anti-social/self destructive behavior is well documented. Kentucky schools have many questions related to drugs and drug testing. For school districts that are struggling the decision to drug test or not, this workshop will assist you with answering fundamental questions to determining how to assist children that are dealing with these issues, how to comply with what the law states about drug testing and how those laws must drive school policies.

This training will identify:

- The current drug trends in Kentucky
- Receive information that can influence policy design and effective decision-making regarding how to set up a drug testing policy, who collects it, who signs the forms, who can test, and how to handle confidentiality
- When a student tests positive for drugs, what's next? How to create a referral system for outside assessments and to determine what your local and regional resources are.

There will be a \$50 fee for this session. EILA credit will be offered.

New NASRO Region 2 Director



Congratulations to Mike McCauley with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and current KYASRO 2nd Vice President, who has recently been named the

NASRO Region 2 Director.

Region 2 consists of Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Also, if your agency is interested in hosting a NASRO training, please contact Mike for more information
mike.mccauley@nasro.org.



Institute for Preventive Strategies - Importance of SROs

The Institute for Preventive Strategies at the Center for Rural Development has created brief about the importance of School Resource Officers. The PDF report can be viewed by going to www.kyasro.com (front page).

This is a great brief supporting SRO's and the roles they play

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

PREVENTION GOALS	COLLABORATION	INFORMATION SHARING	THREAT RECOGNITION	RISK MANAGEMENT	INTERVENTION
DETER	X	X	X		
DETECT	X	X	X	X	X
PREVENT	X	X	X	X	X
ELIMINATE THREATS					

CONTEXT:

School Resource Officers (SRO's) play a very important role in the safety of our schools. Collaboration between schools and law enforcement is a major step to increasing school security and preventing acts of terrorism or violence within schools.

Some prevention and safety roles the SRO can play are:

- Direct and assist with school safety assessments.
- Participate in planning meetings to discuss safety issues and to contribute thoughts on the security of the school.
- The SRO should be aware of prevention programs and help choose programs that will suit the needs of the school and community.
- SRO's should be a positive role model to students and should be approachable by students who may need to communicate safety concerns to someone or who may be dealing with other issues.

SRO's keep school administrators up to date on issues related to violence and gang activity in the community. SRO's may serve as a deterrent to those wishing to inflict violence on the school, while the SRO also offers a sense of security to school staff, students and parents.

Sources:

School Resource Officers a Good Idea

<http://www.selmatimesjournal.com/news/2008/jul/28/school-resource-officers-good-idea/>

The Institute for Preventive Strategies is a national service of the Center for Rural Development, a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Somerset Kentucky.

You may contact the Institute by e-mail at: info@preventivestrategies.net

NASRO 20th Annual SRO - School Safety Conference



**Galt House in Louisville, KY
August 2 - 6, 2010**

REGISTRATION RATES:

Current NASRO Member	\$500.00
Non-NASRO Member	\$550.00
Five or More Discount	\$450.00 per attendee

(all must register at the same time)

Late Registration (received after June 21, 2010)

Current NASRO Member	\$600.00
Non-NASRO Member	\$675.00
Five or More Discount	Not applicable

Go to www.nasro.org for registration materials.

HOTEL INFORMATION

*Galt House Hotel and Suites
140 N. Fourth Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202*

Single: Rivue Tower	\$135	Suite Tower	\$155
Double: Rivue Tower	\$135	Suite Tower	\$155
Triple: Rivue Tower	\$145	Suite Tower	\$165
Quad: Rivue Tower	\$155	Suite Tower	\$175

For Reservations call:

***1-800-THE-GALT (1-800-843-4258) or register from the
NASRO website.***

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Monday, August 2, 2010

JOHN GIDUCK, Archangel Group
Author of Terror at Beslan: A Russian Tragedy
With Lessons for America's Schools

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

BERNARD JAMES, J.D.
Regular contributor to NASRO's Journal of School Safety

Friday, August 6, 2010

MISSY JENKINS, Author
School Shooting Survivor, Heath High School



The KYASRO Association will be sponsoring a golf outing on Wednesday, August 4th. Look for more information regarding this

event and other activities that will take place during the conference. Special thanks to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for all their hard work during the planning process.

SCAMMERS TRY AND CASH IN ON SWINE FLU

Attorney General Jack Conway cautions Kentucky consumers that con artists are trying to cash in on the swine flu epidemic. As H1N1 (aka swine flu) spreads, scammers are targeting consumers who turn to the Internet for information about the deadly virus. An online security firm reports a spike in new swine flu domain names with some of the sites advertising items to “protect your family” against “swine flu.” “As we have seen all-too-often, con artists seize every opportunity to prey on the fears of unsuspecting consumers to make a quick buck,” General Conway said. “Their intentions with these bogus prevention websites and emails are to either obtain money for worthless products that they’re advertising, or to obtain personal information from consumers to steal their identities or access their bank accounts. Don’t let your concern about the flu trick you into clicking on links in these deceptive emails. There is currently no vaccine for the swine flu” General Conway urges consumers to always be suspicious of these types of ads on the Internet and in printed tabloids. “Do not respond to unsolicited emails making H1N1 flu protection claims. Responding to the email only verifies a valid address for the con artist,” cautioned General Conway. “The links within the emails could also contain a computer virus.” To track legitimate information and to obtain updates on the H1N1 virus, consumers should rely on trusted sources of information, such as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov. Information about this flu strain is also available on the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services website. <http://chfs.ky.gov/> . If you receive unsolicited emails regarding H1N1 virus “cures,” forward them to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov. If you see print ads that make similar claims, report them to the Office of the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at 888-432-9257.

Technical Assistance

The Kentucky Center for School Safety has identified successful Kentucky practitioners who are ready and willing to provide on-site technical assistance for SRO programs in a variety of areas. Some topics include:

- Emergency Management Planning
- How to Have An Effective SRO Program
- School Safety on a Budget

If you have other technical assistance needs, the Center can try and accommodate the topic you are requesting. To learn more and to request training for your district, please complete the technical assistance application on the KCSS website (www.kysafeschools.org) and fax to Lee Ann Morrison at 502-783-1449 or email to leeann.morrison@ksba.org.



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