



OSROA ... On the Move!

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Welcome to 2010-11 school year! As the school year gets into full swing we are aware each day of how different students and their individual issues can be. I think the changes are like the weather, you never know from day to day. As SROs we show up to school each day with enthusiasm and are ready to be there for the students and staff.

I sometimes don't think officers outside of the school really understand how important we are to the school staff and the students. Whether I am on duty at the school, on the road or at a picnic over the weekend and I meet someone associated with a school, they always mention their school's SRO. That is kudos for all the SROs out there doing a great job for the students and the schools. Being an SRO brings an enormous amount of responsibility. There is no more precious asset in our country than our children and each day parents send them to school knowing that you, the SRO, are there to protect from violence, bullying and any act that could harm them emotionally or physically.

With that in mind, we realize the importance of our position as being ready for just about anything in our school setting. To help support you in this demanding but rewarding position the OSROA offers training and many other benefits. OSROA held its annual conference this past June at Maumee Bay State Park and the attendee evaluations indicated the conference was a big success. The conference was not only in a beautiful venue, but contained great training. I encourage you to prepare now for our 2011 Conference at Salt Fork State Park, which will offer even more training topics because the OSROA and DARE Association of Ohio are joining efforts to bring first class and affordable training to you and your department.

The first few days will be the same format as prior year's conferences with SRO training Sunday evening and Monday and then on Tuesday DARE will join us as we share a joint key-note speaker for the day.

All officers, whether D.A.R.E. only, SRO only or holding both positions, are welcome and encouraged to attend the entire conference but will have the option to register for only SRO or only D.A.R.E. There are a few reasons behind this joint conference effort: to continue to provide affordable and relevant training to school based law enforcement...joining forces means double the resources, to help ease the financial burden agencies have faced when sending officers to both the SRO and D.A.R.E. summer conferences, and because the reality is that more and more school based law enforcement officers hold both SRO and D.A.R.E. duties in their school. Over the years Police Chiefs and Sheriffs have asked both organizations to attempt a combined conference.

D.A.R.E. Association of Ohio (DAO) President, Jim Knallay has been a pleasure to work with and both DAO and OSROA will meet together regularly to ensure that the 2011 Conference will have pertinent information offered for all school-based law enforcement. Conference registration information will be complete and available late November or early December. Registration will be conveniently offered online this year. I strongly urge the members of OSROA to get involved in this conference. As I have said in the past, this is your organization and OSROA is only as strong as its membership and membership involvement. Get on the OSROA website, contact the OSROA office or your local Regional Representative and ask how you can get involved. Also on the OSROA website you will find useful information and training dates.

Be safe and God Bless,

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News from the Northeast Region



By Todd Bennett- tbennett@orange.k12.oh.us

On September 20th we had a regional meeting at the Pepper Pike Learning Center with multiple guest speakers. The first speakers were from The Greater Cleveland Safe Kids coalition. Speakers Nikesha Yarborough and Mandy Thomas work for the Rainbow Injury Prevention Center through University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. They provided an overview of all the exceptional programs they offer for both teens and younger kids in the area of injury prevention. Please feel free to visit their website at:

<http://injurypreventioncenter.com> We also had Dan Clark and Alexander Leslie from Cleveland Rape Crisis Center. They explained their program, *The Men of Strength Club (MoSt Club)*. The *Men of Strength Club* is designed to engage young men (aged 13-18) in the process of violence prevention, particularly violence against women in a safe, engaging, and mentorship-based environment. The program employs a 16-week curriculum, facilitated by trained male staff members from either the host organization, or from Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC), or a combination of both. MoSt Clubs aim to provide young men with a safe, supportive space in which to connect with male peers through exploring notions of masculinity and male strength. They also expose young men to healthier, nonviolent models/visions of manhood. Check them out at: www.clevelandrapecrisis.org

I am also looking for SRO's that would be willing to host a regional meeting. Our goal is to have the meetings all around our region so more people will attend. If you are interested please call me or email me at 216-831-8600 Ext: 2955 or tbennett@orange.k12.oh.us

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News from the Central Region



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Many of us who work in the schools are well prepared for handling issues as they arise each day within the walls or on the property of our assigned campuses. The tricky part comes when situations begin or are aggravated outside of the school day and off property. After attending an OSROA conference I found schools may have some recourse in curtailing student activities no matter where or when they occur.

Essentially the school has the ability to place certain restrictions on students that are involved in a situation at school. In our case we use this ability to keep assaults and other similar incidents from escalating off property and then returning to school "bigger and badder" than before. When students are involved in a situation, in school, that could escalate they receive a warning as part of their discipline.

When students are involved in an incident off school property we must wait until the problem surfaces at school. Normally, there is a period of verbal disruption that allows the administration to take action. The warning simply states "any additional incidents with the same parties will result in further disciplinary action, no matter where the offense occurs." In essence, wherever the parties meet becomes school property and subject to discipline, as long as they remain students of the same school.

Hilliard has seen a dramatic decrease in assaults, menacing threats, bullying and similar incidents by using this tactic. When the warning is given as a part of the disciplinary process, residual offenses decrease significantly. Administrators reinforce the warning by giving student coping techniques and guidance on how to handle unwanted and unwarranted contact by anyone involved in the initial confrontation. When further incidents arise they are dealt with swiftly and severely, sending a message to anyone involved. The tools we use each day are not always carried on a duty belt. I hope this helps some of you curb recurring incidents within your campuses. Please let me know if you have a tool, tactic or technique to share in our fight to keep kids safe.

SRO Ron Burkitt
Central Regional Rep.

News from the Northwest Region



By SRO Mark Potter
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On October 15th 2010, we had our first district meeting at the Penta Career Center, where we gave an overview of the ALICE program. We had a great turnout with 19 in attendance. Several of the SRO's and school administrators have asked for a follow up presentation to their school board. I am looking forward to seeing ALICE take off in northwest Ohio. Please feel free to contact me if you would like information on ALICE.

As the first quarter of the 2010/2011 school year comes to an end we are all well into our routines by now. As we slide into our routines, many will slide into the dangerous world of complacency. It becomes especially easy for administrators and school staff to let their guard down. Here are a few reminders that you can review with your schools to help keep the schools on par with safety:

1. Always keep the exterior doors locked during the school day. All traffic into the building should be controlled by only allowing one point of entry.
2. Keep all interior doors locked during the entire school day. The doors do not have to be closed but they should be locked. My experience has been that if you do not do this, you will have teachers fumbling with their keys trying to lock their doors in the event a lockdown is called. Having the door locked at all times allows teachers to simply close the door for an instant barrier so they can focus on the safety of the children in the classroom.
3. Remind teachers, administrators and school staff to be vigilant during the school day and report anything suspicious, especially people who don't belong in the school. If there is an unknown person walking the building without a pass, ask them who they are. If they do not have a pass to be in the school, escort them to the office. Never allow someone to be in the building without signing in the office.
4. Be familiar with your safety plans and encourage the school to practice them several times during the school year. We cannot become proficient with anything if we only do it once a year.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

News from the Southwest Region



By SRO Paul Payne paynep@sycamoreschools.org

Greetings to all! I'm back! I recently had the opportunity to re-join the OSROA board as the Southwest Regional Representative. Over the years, the board has made many strides in providing SRO's all across Ohio, with several great trainings and updates. With this type of dedication from OSROA, I have decided to return and fulfill the remainder of SW Region Rep. term for a period of one year for Troy Nelson/ Mason Police Dept. Troy will be greatly missed and we will always appreciate his hard work and dedication to OSROA. Good Luck Troy!

I hope this school year has been full of excitement, rewards and headaches for everyone. As we approach the Thanksgiving break, I am looking forward to hosting our first Southwest Regional Meeting on Wednesday, November 17th from 8:30AM – 10:00AM, here at Sycamore High School, located at 7400 Cornell Rd Montgomery, OH 45242/ 513.686.1770.

I am looking forward to seeing all those new and very old familiar faces from the Southwest Region. If you ever need anything or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime...

Paul Payne

The VP Corner

By Barry Smith - st_bsmith@smfcsd.org
 Role Model

Wikipedia defines a Role Model as "a person who serves as an example, whose behavior is emulated by others." Middle and high students are very impressionable. Although it's not always apparent, you, as the SRO, are being watched. Take a moment and reflect back to your childhood or your early adult years. Chances are you can remember the adults in your life that made a difference and the adults that never had an encouraging word for you. As an SRO, like it or not, you are a "Role Model." There are students that desire to emulate you. Whatever influence we have should be used to teach students positive characteristics such as honesty, principled, patients, and assertiveness to name a few. Remember, you are a "Role Model" and students are watching, emulating, and hanging on to your every word.

News from the Southeast Region



By Butch Aldrich- baldrich@jhs.k12.oh.us

Hello to the Southeast School Resource Officers. I am Sgt. Butch Aldrich of the Jackson Police Department and the SRO for the Jackson City Schools in Jackson, Ohio. I am your Regional Representative. We held our first regional meeting on October 14th at 10:00 a.m. We talked about upcoming events and training opportunities.

The OSROA website has a lot of information for you and offers a chance to ask any question you might have to help you with your job (thru the Bulliten Board option). The website also has information about upcoming training such as SRO Basic, SRO Supervisor Training, A.L.I.C.E. training, Annual Conference and others.

The topics we talked about at our October meeting were laws covering cell phones, use of computers to bully, Facebook, My Space, etc. Our next meeting will be December 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. The location has not yet been determined.

WE are attempting to increase our membership by getting a list of all the school districts in our region. We will be contacting as many SRO's as we can, to get them to supply the names of Resource Officers who do not belong to the association. We are going to make the effort to contact them and try a more one on one approach to explain what the association is all about. I will be recruiting members in the region to assist in this project.

The OSROA board met on October 12, 2010 and many topics were discussed as well as the Conference in 2011, training, sponsorships and more. We also had a swearing in ceremony of two new Regional Directors. Welcome to the association to those directors.

If you need to contact me or have any question or comments, you can email me or call the Jackson High School at (740-286-7575 ext. 3015).
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SRO Butch Aldrich

2011 OSROA Training Opportunities
(more to come!)

OSROA and DAO Combined Annual Conference

June 26 – June 30, 2011

Salt Fork State Park Lodge

Basic Training

OPOTA London, Ohio- August 8 – 12, 2011

OPOTA Richfield, Ohio October 17 – 21, 2011

Operation Street Smart- Education

Mason (Southwest)- March 15, 2011

Stow (Northeast) April 15, 2011

Clayton (West)- August 31, 2011

Visit our website at www.osroa.org to register.



DAO and OSROA Members...Save these dates! Sunday-Thursday, June 26-30, 2011

These dates have been selected for the SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AND D.A.R.E. OFFICER COMBINED CONFERENCE WEEK

Almost all of Ohio's law enforcement agencies have felt the effect of the economic downturn in the form of lay offs, position eliminations, combination of positions (such as SRO and D.A.R.E.) and decreased training budgets. Over the last few years both the Ohio School Resource Officers Association (OSROA) and the D.A.R.E. Association of Ohio (DAO) have received calls from chiefs and sheriffs advising that their departments no longer have the training dollars to send their SRO and/or D.A.R.E. officer(s) to two conferences a year and have requested that OSROA and DAO combine their resources to offer one conference for school-based law enforcement officers. Both associations' boards of directors considered this request and have decided to combine their individual conferences, in 2011, into one conference to be held at Salt Fork State Park Lodge.

The combined conference is designed for the selection of one of three registration packages: The entire conference (Sunday late afternoon through Thursday early afternoon), the SRO portion only (Sunday late afternoon through late afternoon Tuesday) or the D.A.R.E. portion only (Tuesday morning through Thursday early afternoon).

You won't want to miss this conference at the beautiful Salt Fork State Park Lodge in Cambridge, Ohio! Dynamic instructors have been selected who will present educational sessions on important school-based policing topics along with D.A.R.E. America mandated training breakout sessions. The conference format is designed to lower the attendee's expenses and their time away from home and work while still providing valuable training and an opportunity to network with both school-based police officers and school personnel.

A "bundle" registration fee will cover overnight accommodations, meals, breaks, conference materials, a 2010 conference t-shirt and door prizes and should lessen administrative paperwork for your department.

Bring the family to enjoy the accommodations and the pristine surrounding area that Salt Fork has to offer. Please plan now to ensure your registration to this valuable conference!



<http://www.saltforkstateparklodge.com/>

lyer containing registration fees and additional information will follow in December or January....stay tuned and utilize our websites, www.osroa.org and www.dare-oh.org to view the latest news!



HELLO OSROA MEMBERS IN THE CENTRAL, Northwest AND Southeast REGIONS:

OSROA has a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our organization by participating in the Kroger Rewards program.

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

- Please register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy. (If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.)
- Most of you are new online customers, so click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box (to the right.)
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on a favorite store, entering your email address, creating a password, entering in contact information and agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and **click on the link** within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number **81464**, key in Ohio School Resource Officers Association or, select our organization from the list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see OSROA's name on the right side of your information page.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- **Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count. You'll be saving money by using your card and raising money for our organization!**

Thanks to all of you for your support!!

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About OSROA: The Ohio School Resource Officer Association is a nonprofit membership association dedicated to promoting school safety: youth citizenship and partnership, between the school system and local law enforcement agency. OSROA members represent individuals from police departments, sheriff's offices, schools, public agencies, business and other community groups interested in school safety. School Resource Officers are a valuable positive influence in the lives of young people.



OSROA Members

Our bulletin board is up and running. If you have not signed in already you can go to our website at www.osroa.org and log in. A confirmation of your password will be emailed to you and then you will have access to read or post messages.

This is a wonderful opportunity to converse with other SROs around the state about all aspects of school safety.



Back Row: Mike McCaskey Past President. Butch Aldrich SE Reg. Rep., Mark Potter NW Reg.Rep., Steve Burgess President, and Chris Smith 2nd VP

Front Row: Todd Bennett NE Reg.Rep., Barry Smith VP, Sara Rath Treasurer/Secretary and Kari Parsons Executive Director.

Not pictured are Paul Payne, SW Reg Rep. and Ron Burkitt, Central Reg Rep.

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