



OSROA ... On the Move!

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Letter from the President

By Steve Burgess- BurgessS@greatoaks.com

As your new president, I begin my term by thanking past president, Mike McCaskey, for his leadership and dedication to OSROA over the past ten years and to the Dublin Police Department for allowing Mike to be a part of OSROA. Mike has been instrumental bringing our association where it is today and I am sure he will continue his involvement as OSROA continues forward.

As the school year progresses and the schools are filled with voices of those who teach and those who learn, we want to continue to strive as SRO's to provide a safe learning environment. OSROA is dedicated to the continued support of SRO's, school administrators, staff and students in Ohio to provide the best training and information available. OSROA is also aware of the current concerns with budgets and departments struggling to send officers to training. OSROA is committed to provide SRO's with the best training at the lowest cost and will work diligently to keep doing this.

The 2009 OSROA state conference at Maumee Bay was very successful. Attendee's evaluations tell us they liked the venue, speakers and the bundle conference fee. OSROA listens to its members and will hold the 2010 annual conference again at Maumee Bay with outstanding presenters. In addition to the actual conference, OSROA will also host in the Maumee Bay area a 2-day A.L.I.C.E. training at a reduced cost to OSROA members

The A.L.I.C.E. course will follow the conference on Wednesday and Thursday, June 30 – July 1. This is a great opportunity for OSROA members, so watch for details. Please check the OSROA website for additional training at www.osroa.org.

OSROA has just implemented the OSROA Bulletin Board. This is a wonderful tool for networking with SROs throughout the state. Please sign up at www.osroa.org.

I want you to be active in your association. I'd like to hear from you about training you would like to see provided and training you can provide, as I believe we have excellent trainers right here in our own state. This is a great way to participate in OSROA.

OSROA is a statewide association and it takes all of us to make OSROA the best in the nation in school based policing. I already feel we are there, but there is always room for improvement and I know OSROA will continue to grow and expand....but needs your help and support to do so. Stay in touch with your regional reps, who are committed and here for you. And I cannot leave out OSROA's two most instrumental people to the success of OSROA, our Executive Director, Kari Parsons, and Membership Services Coordinator, Eileen Kramer. Please feel free to contact either Kari or Eileen for OSROA information.

Have a great and safe 2009-10 school year,
Steve

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News from the Northeast Region



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

On October 16, the Northeast Region had a general meeting at Orange High School. SRO's from various counties were represented including Cuyahoga, Lake and Summit counties. We discussed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU), patrol uniform vs. soft uniform and current trends that we are encountering. Sexting and other related internet investigations is a current trend that was discussed at the meeting. Cuyahoga County is dealing with increased criminal cases in the area of sexting. The next regional meeting for the Northeast will be sometime in January. I am looking for someone willing to host the meeting or suggestions for topics to be discussed at regional meetings. If interested you can email me or call me: tbennett@orange.k12.oh.us or 216-831-8600 ext: 2955. Thanks to the SRO's that attended the meeting.

News from the Central Region



By Sara Rath- westerville.k12.oh.us

How often do we tell our students to stay in school and apply themselves? How frequently do we tell them how much brighter their future will be with a college education? Have we, their mentors, considered following the same advice?

Not only am I convinced that higher education can produce a cadre of the best and brightest candidates for criminal justice agencies, I am most certain that the decision to improve oneself through education would be beneficial for any seasoned law enforcement officer.

For many of us, our ultimate career choice is different from the aspirations we developed as young adults. Like me, you may have made the choice to seek a second career in law enforcement already having some college coursework, or an attained degree.

Career development begins after obtaining your first position in criminal justice and may be enhanced through your duty assignments, promotions, interests and yes, *education*. The School Resource Officer who enjoys teaching law-related education may seek coursework in secondary education while a colleague with an interest in healthcare may seek dual certification as a medic. Seeking a promotion? Many departments favor the officer who has advanced education.

The shift you work and your busy lifestyles need no longer be a factor in pursuing an education with online-accredited university learning bringing the classroom to you. The following colleges and universities, as listed on eLearners.com, may be of interest to those of you considering an online education:

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 SRO's around the state about all aspects of school safety.

Remember to continue checking the bulletin board periodically to see what's new!

- Kaplan University
- Walden University
- Saint Josephs University
- Capella University
- University of the Rockies
- University of Maryland University College
- Rasmussen College

The world of education truly can be at your fingertips where finishing or completing a degree is only as far as your sofa.

News from the Northwest Region



By Jackie Wegman – wegman-jackie@maumee.org

Greetings from the Northwest Region! Another school year is upon us. We have one quarter— one trimester, approaching one semester ending already. Fall sports are over and winter sports are starting. As time flies by, we can find ourselves getting too comfortable, settling into a daily routine and letting our guard down. Routine/complacency can set in.

Take this time to refresh yourself on your department’s policy and procedure manual. Review your *Use of Force* guidelines, check to see if the school’s *Emergency Preparedness Plan* needs updating. Staying on top of your game will insure a safe environment for the staff and students.

The OSROA is committed to providing tools to help you and your schools stay safe. The keynote speaker for the OSROA conference in June 2010 will be Greg Crane teaching A.L.I.C.E. The conference will again be held in the northwest at Maumee Bay State Park. I am looking for sponsors/vendors and if you can think of any from this area please contact me ASAP.

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The Northwest region will be having a meeting on December 15th. SRO Rachel Bernhard has agreed to host the meeting at Penta County. I will be sending a notice confirming the date and time along with directions. Stay Safe.

Jackie

News from the Southwest Region



By Troy Nelson – nelson@mason.k12.oh.us

Reports of missing or sexually exploited children may be the most difficult and emotionally charged cases a police agency can ever experience. Knowing some of the resources available in these instances can be very helpful to the officers and agencies involved.

At our fall, Southwest Regional meeting, a representative from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) spoke about some of these resources available to law enforcement. NCMEC has played a role in the recovery of more that 138,500 children, and assisted law enforcement with more than 154,100 child cases.

NCMEC provides assistance in the area of forensic services and on-site support in missing children cases. They have access to national databases that can aid law enforcement in recovery cases and eliminate some of the time constraints that are so critical in these types of cases. NCMEC will not come in and take over a case, but will provide assistance to law enforcement free of charge. To find out more about the services available through NCMEC, visit www.missingkids.com. In today’s climate of budgetary constraints, every department should know about and take advantage of the resources available, especially those that are free of charge.

News from the Southeast Region



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

Hello to the Southeast School Resource Officers. I am Butch Aldrich of the Jackson Police Department and the SRO for the Jackson City Schools in Jackson, Ohio. I am your new Regional Director since Chris Smith became the 2nd Vice-President.

We held our first regional meeting in Jackson on September 29, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting, we talked about upcoming events and training. There are several opportunities for OSROA held trainings: SRO Basic Training at OPOTA London and Richfield, SRO Supervisor Training, Operation Street Smart-Gangs and Drugs, and A.L.I.C.E. training.

Other topics discussed were the use of gun lockers, Alert Systems used by schools, and membership in OSROA. The dues (\$39.00) are due, if you have not yet taken care of that. The OSROA board met on October 13, 2009 in Dublin, Ohio. We discussed regional meetings, dues and training opportunities. I will be able to share this information at our next meeting.

Out next regional meeting will be held at the Buckeye Hills Career Center in Rio Grande, Ohio on January 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The topic of the meeting will be the SRO Program. Invited to attend are any Prosecutors, Probation Officer, Law Enforcement Supervisor, School Administrator, and all SROs. Please check the OSROA website for additional information or upcoming trainings.

If you need to contact me or have any comments, you can reach me at: baldrich@jhs.k12.oh.us or call the Jackson High School at 740-286-7575 ext. 3015.

Join the OSROA Bulletin Board

The OSROA bulletin Board is now available at www.osroa.org

The Bulletin Board is a secure area, for members only and requires you to register a username (your first and last name) and a password.

To Register: Go to our website and "Click Here" in the Bulletin Board box and fill in the information.

After you register, within a short period of time, you will receive a notification via email of password approval and then you will be able to read and post messages. This is a wonderful resource to keep current on school safety issues.

2010 OSROA Training Opportunities (more to come!)

Operation Street Smart- Gang and Drug Education

March 10, 2010 Hilliard Joint Safety Services Building.

OSROA Annual Conference

June 27, 28, 29, 2010

Maumee Bay Resort

Operation Street Smart- Gang and Drug Education

September 9, 2010 Reynoldsburg Police Dept.

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

Ohio School Resource Officers Association presents:
2010 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS
SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, June 27, 28, 29, 2010

Maumee Bay Resort

1750 State Park Road, Oregon, Ohio 43618

Directions available at: www.maumeebayresort.com

Target Audience: SROs, School Administrators, Teachers & Principals, School Counselors and Psychologists, School Based Police Officers & Supervisors, Juvenile Probation Officers & Detectives.
General Information: Please join us for this three-day conference, offered in a unique state park setting, where dynamic instructors present educational sessions, including A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate), that will be of interest to SROs and school administrators alike. Again in 2010 OSROA has shortened the conference to three days to reduce the attendee's expenses while still providing valuable training. The "bundle" registration fee covers overnight accommodations, meals, breaks, conference materials, 2010 conference T-shirt, OSROA '10-'11 Membership Dues, and door prizes and should lessen administrative paperwork for your department. Bring the family!* There is plenty to do in and around Maumee Bay Lodge to both keep your family entertained while you attend the education sessions and for you to do with your family during the free time on Monday evening. If you plan to spend the night before or after the conference dates, please call Maumee Reservations and mention you are with the OSROA group so you will receive a special room rate.

An additional A.L.I.C.E. Train the Trainer session is available through Response Options on Wednesday and Thursday, June 30 & July 1, 2010. Please visit <http://www.roseminars.com/upalinco.html> for more information and registration. OSROA members receive a \$100 discount off the cost of the training.

Registration Costs (includes Sunday/Monday lodging and meals during the conference and '10-'11 OSROA Membership Dues):

Single Occupancy \$490 or

Double Occupancy \$410 or

No lodging registration \$220 (includes all meals, no overnight stay)

There are two options for meals for children and spouses/guests: 1) Pay the bundle price* for children and guests to eat with the conference group, 2) Bring the family and have them eat their meals on their own at the Lodge restaurant. Please indicate on the registration form which option you choose. Family and guest bundle fees must be paid by June 26, 2010.

*Spouse/Guest \$91 and Children (12 & under) \$44 (includes lodging and all meals)

Please note: For planning purposes, registrations must be received by **May 24, 2010**. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed if received after this date. Cancellations must be received no later than **June 9, 2010**. OSROA is committed to Maumee State Park for all rooms on this date and no refunds will be issued.

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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.



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First Row Executive Director Kari Parsons, Central Regional Rep Sara Rath, Vice President Barry Smith, Northwest Regional Rep Jackie Wegman, Second row standing: Northeast Regional Rep Todd Bennett, Southeast Regional Rep Butch Aldrich (Not pictured), President Steve Burgess, Second Vice President Chris Smith, Southwest Rep Troy Nelson.

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