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**LETTER FROM THE KYASRO PRESIDENT:**

**KYASRO Members,**

I hope everyone had a great summer and the new school year has started off well. I want to let everyone know that the new board members have taken office and will have their first meeting in September. I'm sure the new board members will work hard for you as did the past board. The Board lost some good members last year due to promotions and retirements, Michael Grigsby from Somerset P.D., Jerry Crowder from Boone County S.O., and Dennis McDonald from St. Matthews. I will miss each of these guys and their experience.

The board has been working very hard over the last two years trying to make KYASRO an association that helps its members. Over the past couple of years we have provided training classes with our partners at Kentucky Center for School Safety and the Kentucky School Board Association. We partnered with the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition and received a grant to get PBT for SRO's.

Michael McCauley and I met with Dick Castor, the Executive Director of NASRO, this summer in reference to getting the NASRO conference in Louisville in 2010. With support from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office we were able to succeed and will host the NASRO conference in 2010.

The conference this summer was huge success with a great turn out and some wonderful training classes. KCPC did a great job of hosting the conference in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. I enjoy the training at our summer conference, however I enjoy getting to see other KYASRO members, along with members from DARE, and KCPC that I don't get to see everyday. It's nice to sit down and talk to other members and see what they are doing at their schools.

The KYASRO website is moving forward also. You can go to [www.kyasro.com](http://www.kyasro.com) or [www.kyasro.org](http://www.kyasro.org) and get it. Bob Couchman has the forums up and working. Please go to the website and register for the forums, this will be a place where we can chat and ask questions.

KYASRO will soon have KYASRO merchandise to buy, so check the website for upcoming information.

I hope everyone has a great school year, and remember if you have any questions please let your board members know.

Sincerely,  
Todd D. Brendel  
President



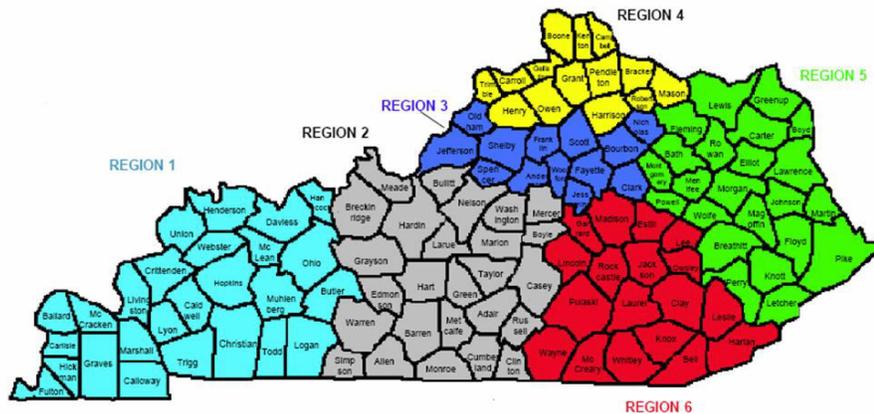
**Special points of interest:**

- ☉ Make sure you have an updated list of the KYASRO Board Directors. Page 2
- ☉ Your school may be receiving a Weather Alert Radio. Page 4
- ☉ Check out Important dates for trainings. Pages 6 & 7

# Check out the updated KYASRO website!

Kentucky Association of School  
Resource Officers  
School Resource Officer Programs

REGION MAP



[www.kyasro.org](http://www.kyasro.org)

## NEW KYASRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kentucky statutes define a SRO as a sworn law enforcement officer who has specialized training to work with youth at a school site. These SRO's serve in a variety of roles, including law enforcement officer, law-related educator, problem-solver, and community liaison. There are approximately 230 SRO's in over half of Kentucky's counties.

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## HOUSE BILL 91: FREE TRAINING AND EILA APPROVED

Dear Colleague:

With the passing of HB 91, new requirements are being implemented that are important for all educators to know. The Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Center for School Safety are collaborating to provide regional trainings to keep you informed of these latest changes. For your convenience, these training sessions are **FREE of charge and EILA approved**.

These sessions will provide training to school and board of education employees on the requirements of HB 91. The training will cover the role of the school employee, principal, and superintendent when dealing with HB 91 issues. The training will also focus on the new requirements for safe-school reporting as well as changes to the Code of Acceptable Behavior. The changes made to the harassment and harassing communications laws and their effects on schools and districts will also be addressed.

There will be three trainings on HB 91: "The Bullying Bill." The dates and locations are as follows:

- September 16, 2008 – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. CST - Bowling Green, Holiday Inn University Plaza
- September 23, 2008 – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Ashland, Kentucky Educational Development Cooperation Office (KEDC)
- September 30, 2008 – 9:00 – 12:00 noon, Lexington, Ramada Inn Conference Center

For more information and to pre-register, visit the Kentucky Center for School Safety at [www.kysafeschools.org](http://www.kysafeschools.org) under "Events Calendar." If you have any further questions, please contact Tammie Conatser or me at 1-800-372-2962.

Sincerely,

*Tamara Tatum*

Tamara Tatum, Training Coordinator  
Kentucky Center for School Safety



## ARE YOU READY FOR 14TH ANNUAL SAFE SCHOOL'S CONFERENCE?

It's here! Online registration is now open for the 14th Annual Kentucky Safe Schools Conference scheduled for October 6-7. This annual event continues to provide the latest information and trends on safety issues that schools face daily. For complete details on this cost-efficient conference and registration options, please visit <http://www.ksba.org/events/details/14th-annual-kentucky-safe-schools-conference/>

We're looking forward to hearing from you!



## NOAA PUBLICATION ALERT WEATHER RADIOS

Dear Colleague,

The Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) and the Office of Non-Public Education (ONPE) are pleased to announce a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of Education, the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Department of Health and Human Services to distribute over 182,000 NOAA Public Alert Weather Radios at no cost to nonpublic schools and nonpublic school central offices, public school district offices, institutions of higher education, and preschools across the country.



NOAA Public Alert Radios are powerful safety tools with the ability to transmit dozens of types of alerts and a broadcast capability that ensures direct access to information on a wide range of emergencies. The radios constantly monitor the National Weather Service's warnings, watches, and forecasts, as well as sends alerts to hazards in the community from other agencies, such as DHS or the local emergency management agency. Users are informed of natural disasters such as tornadoes, technological disasters such as chemical releases or spills, and other safety issues such as missing and abducted children (Amber Alerts).

**One radio will be sent directly to each of the following:** nonpublic school principals/headmasters, school district superintendents, security offices at higher education institutions, and directors of preschools. The distribution will begin in mid-August 2008 and will continue through the end of September 2008. A similar distribution to all 97,000 public K-12 schools was completed in 2005 and 2006.

Included with the radio will be a letter from the Secretaries of Commerce, Health and Human Services, Education, and Homeland Security and a brochure about the radio. Before using the radio, each radio must be registered on the NOAA Radio Web site (<http://public-alert-radio.nws.noaa.gov/>) to confirm receipt.

Nonpublic schools who accept placement of NOAA radios are required to complete and submit a license agreement. The license agreement allows nonpublic schools to accept placement of the NOAA radios, while ownership remains vested in the U.S. government. Placement of the radio in a nonpublic school under the license agreement does not make the nonpublic school a recipient of federal financial assistance.

Once the radio has been registered, it will need to be programmed the radio to receive local information. For additional information about how to program and register the radio, please go to <http://public-alert-radio.nws.noaa.gov/>. Individuals that would like assistance with programming their NOAA radio may contact their local Citizens Corps Council (<http://www.citizencorps.gov/>), the Department of Homeland Security's community-based program to promote citizen preparation and participation, or their local National Weather Service office (<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/organization.php>) for assistance.

In addition, OSDFS and ONPE will be convening a series of Question and Answer conference calls over the coming weeks to answer any questions that may arise regarding the programming or use of the radios. A NOAA representative and a representative from DHS will also be available on each call to answer technical questions about the function of the radios and to respond to questions. The dates and times for the calls and the dial-in information are as follows:

**Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 1:00 pm (ET)**  
**Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 1:00 pm (ET)**

**Monday, September 8, 2008 at 1:00 pm (ET)**  
**Monday, September 29, 2008 at 11:00 am (ET)**

To access any of the calls, please dial **(888) 390-0980**. Once connected, please provide the following pass code: **8723261**. For additional questions about the NOAA radio distribution process, please contact **Sara Strizzi at (303) 346-0924 or [sara.strizzi@ed.gov](mailto:sara.strizzi@ed.gov)**.

**\*\*The notice above affects nonpublic schools, public district (central) offices, preschools and institutions of higher education!\*\***

## Sights from Around the State . . .



The Warren County SRO's demonstrate community support for their program.

Congratulations, Russ Day, 2008 KYASRO Officer of the Year. 2007 Officer of the Year and Former KYASRO President, Dennis McDonald, is shown presenting the award.



John Branscum provides entertainment for family night at the 2008 Conference. Thanks John!!



Bob Douglas accepts the KYASRO Lifetime Achievement Award



## KENTUCKY CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY 2008-2009 TRAININGS FOR SCHOOLS

The Kentucky Center for School Safety's training mission is: "to provide program development and implementation expertise and technical support for safe schools to schools, law enforcement agencies, and communities which may include training for administrators, teachers, students, parents and other community representatives."

14 training opportunities will be offered regionally across the state in the 2008-2009 school year. Factors that influenced the choice of topics included funding availability, demographics and current data trends as identified by Safe School Assessments conducted by the Kentucky Center for School Safety and Annual Safe Schools Data. The trainings will be based on publications and resources that have followed accepted practices for evidence-based research.

All trainings and materials will correlate with at least one of the Kentucky Standards and Indicators for School Improvement. Typically, the trainings correlate with Standard 4: School Climate; Standard 5: Family and Community Support; and Standard 6: Professional Development. All training events will be approved for Effective Instructional Leadership Act (EILA) credit and school board member in-service training credit.

Trainings that will be offered for the 08-09 school year are:

1. House Bill 91: "The Bullying Bill"
2. Essential Risk Management Tools for Your School
3. Cyber Bullying
4. Gangs in School
5. Kentucky's Drug Use and Their Impact on Policy

**Visit the KCSS website [www.kysafeschools.org](http://www.kysafeschools.org) for registration information.**



### HOUSE BILL 91: "THE BULLYING BILL"



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### ESSENTIAL RISK MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR YOUR SCHOOL



Kentucky school districts face ever-increasing challenges of providing a safe environment for students and staff. This seminar will focus on the essentials of reducing liability exposures for:

- Crisis Management - Detailed procedures for implementing programs such as lockdown, bomb threats, and severe weather.
- Facility Safety and Preventing Accidents on Playgrounds – A review of life safety regulations, facility preventive maintenance procedures, and playground safety guidelines.
- Asbestos Abatement and Mold Prevention – A refresher training on the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) As well as, a review of the EPA's Tools for Schools - Mold Prevention.
- OSHA Overview - Outlines required regulatory compliance programs such as lockout/tag out, hazardous communications, blood borne pathogens and accident avoidance programs.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 6, 2008<br/>Lexington-Ramada Inn<br/>8:30 – 3:30 p.m.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 4, 2008<br/>Prestonsburg, Heritage House<br/>Hotel 8:30-3:30 p.m.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 5, 2009<br/>Florence, Ralph Rush<br/>PD Center 8:30-3:30 p.m.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 12, 2009<br/>Bowling Green-Holiday Inn<br/>8:30 – 3:30 p.m.</li> </ul> |
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## CYBER BULLYING



A disturbing and growing trend, cyber bullying is an emotional and physical threat to the safety and well being of our children today. KCSS has developed a six-hour training session that addresses cyber bullying via two modules:

- **Cyber Bullying: Definition and Prevention**

This session focuses on what constitutes cyber bullying, how children and teens can avoid being a cyber bully victim (or aggressor), what can be done to avoid cyber bullies online, and what needs to be done if cyber bullying occurs.

- **Cyber Bullying: Recommended Policies and Procedures**

This session focuses on recommended policies and procedures for schools and districts that can be useful in implementing a comprehensive cyber bullying prevention plan, as well as the handling of reports of cyber bullying behavior.

- November 14, 2008  
Prestonsburg, Heritage House Hotel  
8:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- November 6, 2008  
Morehead, Morehead Conference Center  
8:30- 3:30 p.m.
- June 11, 2009  
Hopkinsville, Holiday Inn  
8:30 – 3:30 p.m.

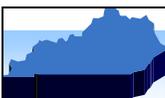


## GANGS IN SCHOOLS



The presenter will discuss what educators and law enforcement officers need to know about gang activity inside schools nationwide. The impact of how this gang activity affects communities and schools in Kentucky will be discussed. Participants will learn effective ways to identify gangs and gang members. The presenter will outline officer safety techniques pertaining to gang members and interviewing techniques applying to gang members. The Regional Organized Crime Information Center will also give an overview of their association and the RISS gang web site and database.

- October 23, 2008  
Bowling Green - FOP Lodge  
8:30 – 3:30 p.m.



## 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.
- March 19, 2009  
Florence, Ralph Rush Professional  
Development Center 8:30 – 3:30 p.m.

## ILLINOIS TELLS "METH COFFEE:" NO SALE

By Michael D. Sorkin  
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH  
07/31/2008

Meth Coffee isn't welcome in Illinois, Attorney General Lisa Madigan said Wednesday. The coffee is the latest drink with a name that sounds like a drug but isn't. Madigan is demanding that the manufacturer discontinue marketing and sales of the product in the state. She says the product is advertised as an illicit drug, with claims that it has been roasted by a "master druggist." Its website is littered with images of syringes and addicts.

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

The product's packaging claims consumers can "snort the powder dry, cook it in a lighter and huff ... or just forget the caboose and mainline." In a letter this week to the manufacturer, Doll God, LLC, Madigan said Illinois is battling a methamphetamine epidemic "and we are deeply concerned that your marketing of Meth Coffee will perpetuate the use of this devastating drug."

The product violates the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and the state's fraud act, due to the product's comparison to illicit drugs, Madigan said. Meth Coffee went on the market in January, sold online at \$12 per 10-ounce bag of beans. The San Francisco manufacturer bills itself as a "rebel coffee company" and the brainchild of a "self-styled anarchist, coffee addict and conspiracy theorist known only as the roaster."

Madigan warned she'll sue if necessary to stop sales. She previously stopped the sales of an energy drink called "Cocaine," an energy drink powder called "Blow," and "Pot-suckers" lollipops.



## 2009 SAFE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

**The 2009 Safe Schools and Communities Conference will be held in Lexington in June. The date and location will be announced soon. Check back at the KYASRO website for more information.**





**“Communities throughout the nation recognize that trained, sworn law enforcement officers assigned to schools make a difference.”  
(U.S. Department of Justice)**