

Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers

INTRODUCING THE 2009 SRO OF THE YEAR: JAMES HARRIS FROM MADISON COUNTY

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- CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2009 KYASRO AWARD WINNERS

Madison Southern High School resource officer James Harris had a good reason to be surprised that he was named Kentucky School Resource Officer of the Year: He didn't know he had been nominated.

"(Assistant principal) Mr. (Chuck) Cash had an English teacher come in and said that for a project in his English class, a girl wanted to write about me but she was nervous, so could he interview me and get it from him that way," Harris said.

"They called me in last week and told me that they lied and it wasn't for a project, it was for school resource officer of the year and that I won," Harris said.

Harris, a 30-year veteran of the Berea Police Department, took the job as officer for both Southern and Foley Middle School shortly after his retirement in 2004.

"They brought me out of retirement to work here," Harris said. "I told them I'd

give it a try and I've been here ever since."

Harris' nomination included a letter of recommendation from state Rep. Harry Moberly as well as support from Cash, and Principal David Gilliam was equally supportive.

"We recently got a high rating from the Kentucky Center for School Safety, and I think Officer Harris is a key reason why we got such a high rating," Gilliam said.

As a school resource officer, Harris interacts with students and administrators on a daily basis. "I usually get here about 15 minutes to 7 (a.m.) and meet with Mr. Gilliam to talk about the day's activities," Harris said. "It's basically what develops during the day."

Harris said a major part of his job is talking with students.

"I would say there are lots of people here who need someone to talk to, someone



Officer Harris speaking on Monday, May 4th.

to talk to about problems," Harris said. "There are some people here not with law problems, but problems teens have."

Harris, who will be presented with the award during the June 26 Safe Schools and Communities Conference awards banquet in Lexington, said it was good to be recognized for his work.

"It's a good feeling," Harris said. "It lets people know you do more than arrest students."

Source for article and picture: Brian Smith with Richmond Register



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

KYASRO Members,

Well we are at the end of another school year, and getting ready for all the end of the year activities. Remember next month is our conference in Lexington, we will be helping celebrate D.A.R.E.'s 20th anniversary. The conference committee has put together some good speakers and work shops. This is also a time for us to honor our fellow officers for their outstanding work over the past year. The KYASRO board has been working very hard over the past months, with the conference and new training for the upcoming year. Bob Couchman is getting the KYASRO website updated (www.kyasro.org), the forum sections are working now, so please log in and keep contact with other SRO's around the state.

I look forward to seeing all of you next month at the conference.

Todd D. Brendel



Sprite Bombs are small explosive devices packaged in containers that resemble children's candy.

SPRITE BOMBS

The explosives are available for purchase at convenience stores and on the internet. The bright yellow and red packaging looks like it might contain candy. The packages were being sold for \$1.29 for a pack of 10. It is packaged in a blister pack like the kind gum or medication comes in. They can also be purchased online

in larger quantities. One supplier was selling them for \$15 a box. It contained 24 packages, 20 in each package, for a total of 480 Sprite Bombs. Kids seem to know all about them and some of the videos found posted on YouTube are a cause for concern. These are basically a mini firecracker. In the hands of a child they could

be dangerous because it looks like candy. In the hands of older kids, these continue to be dangerous because of the ways they are being used.

One example is:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EohIs8QyTU&NR=1>

Source: Canadian Bomb Data Center via Peel Regional Police

GALLS: THE AUTHORITY IN PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND APPAREL

There will be a tour of the Galls Store and warehouse in Lexington the morning of Monday, June 22nd prior to registration opening. A Galls representative will be available to show the assortment of law enforcement equipment available. Contact Michael McCauley at Mike.McCauley@Jefferson.kyschools.us for more information.





We are pleased to announce the 2009 KYASRO Award winners:

Kentucky SRO of the Year– James Harris, (Madison County)

Rookie of the Year- Greg Popham, (NKCES)

Educator/Administrator of the Year- Iman Talaat, (Jefferson County)

KYASRO Award of Merit- Jackie Holt, (Jessamine County Assistant Prosecutor)

KYASRO President’s Award- (Raptorware)

KYASRO Lifetime Achievement Award– Rita Bierly, (Grant County Schools)

Region 1 SRO of the Year- Bruce Watson, (McCracken County Schools)

Region 2 SRO of the Year- Glen Woodard, (Warren County Schools)

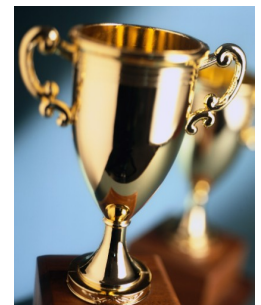
Region 3 SRO of the Year- Mike McCauley, (Jefferson County Schools)

Region 4 SRO of the Year- Tony Trimble, (Boone County Schools)

Region 6 SRO of the Year- Max Graves, (Bell County Schools)



**A special thanks to all who
nominated for the 2009
KYASRO Awards**



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Grant Opportunity Notice

The Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention are accepting applications for a grant. **The deadline is June 15, 2009.** Eligible applicants are:

- State, County, City/Township Governments
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American Tribal Government (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits have a 501© (3) status with the IRS of than institutions of higher educations

For more information and to apply please visit:

www.grants.gov CFDA: 16.543

OJJDP FY 09 Promoting Child and Youth Safety: Community Initiatives and Public Awareness

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under its FY 09 Promoting Child and Youth Safety: Community Initiatives and Public Awareness. This program furthers the Department's mission by promoting child and youth safety.

Registration with GMS is required prior to application submission. All applications are due by 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 15, 2009.

For more information and to apply please visit:

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/other_requirements.htm

Funding Opportunity Number is OJJDP-2009-2232



**REGISTER FOR NASRO'S 19TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
June 29 - July 3, 2009
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
*Baltimore Hilton Hotel***

Don't miss this opportunity to join us at our 19th annual SRO/School Safety Conference June 29 to July 3, 2009 (Registration begins Sunday, June 28th) at the **Baltimore Hilton Hotel**, Maryland. The address of the hotel is 401 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201. **Special SRO training classes will be offered during Conference. Additional information/classes to be posted as they become available. Details and registration forms will be posted on the [training section](#) on the website.**

Conference Attendee Registration

- Presenter Rate - 50% Discount (please remit by April 23, 2009)
- \$500 Members, Postmarked by 5/23/2009
- \$550 Non-members, postmarked by 5/23/2009
- \$600 Late Members, on-site or after 5/23/2009
- \$675 Late Non-members, on-site or after 5/23/2009
- \$450 Multi-agency discount for 5 or more from the same agency, postmarked by 5/23/2009 (ALL MUST REGISTER AT THE SAME TIME FOR DISCOUNT TO APPLY)

***NASRO has acquired a special rate, including the rate of \$129.00 for extended stay through the July 4th weekend. Reservations can be made online at **Baltimore Hilton Hotel**, or by calling 443-250-8732 and using Group Code "NSS".



May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month

NOYS Mission

The mission of the NOYS coalition is to promote youth empowerment and leadership, and build partnerships that save lives, prevent injuries and enhance safe and healthy lifestyles among all youth.

National Youth Traffic Safety Month (NYTSM) is a national youth led campaign held each May in response to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicating that over the past decade, seven of the top 10 deadliest days for youth traffic-related deaths historically fall between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

In 2007, more than 5,000 youth died as a result of a motor vehicle crash and 300,000 were injured. Hosting NYTSM in May empowers youth to work the entire school year on their traffic safety projects with a grand finale activity right before prom, graduation, and the summer driving season.

Make some NOYS for Youth Traffic Safety with these easy ideas:

- Grocery Stores - Have the store drop safe driving fliers in grocery bags/carts.
- Florists - During prom season, put safe driving stickers on corsage boxes.
- Tuxedo Rental Store - During prom season or any occasion have the tuxedo company put safe driving materials in tuxedo pockets and hand out at point of sale.
- Bowling Alleys - Hang safe driving posters in the bowling alley or use as handouts at the counter.
- Fast Food Restaurants - Provide tray liners in fast food restaurants or ask if you can staple a flyer to the bags - it works - teen tested and approved!
- Public Transportation - Encourage safe driving messages on the outside of buses or at subway stops.
- Hair Salons/Nail Salons/ Tanning Shops/Barber Shops - Have small handouts available for customers to pick up at the cash register when they pay.
- Schools - Place road safety posters in high schools or at sports games. Have parking lot signs on campus? Post safe driving reminders on these - be sure to get permission first.
- Dealership Service Centers/Oil Change shops - Place safe driving brochures/handouts in service centers.
- Use your chalk art skills and write messages on your campus's sidewalks
- Tag your cars with safe messages about safe driving.
- Use the PSAs available [HERE](#) during morning announcements.

National Organizations for Youth Safety

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ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE PROGRAM

On July 14-15 and July 23-24, 2009 Awareness Protective Consultants, LLC in cooperation with both Florham Park Police Department and Mount Olive Police Department will be conducting the Active Shooter Response Program geared for School Resource Officers (SRO). Currently many programs have been established for overall active shooter response operations including our highly endorsed Active Shooter Instructor Program. This 2-day program has been designed to assist SRO's in developing a stronger response plan and tactical response methods during critical situations involving active shooters in their respective schools. Our SRO program is geared exclusively for officers in the School Resource Officer field or for those looking to obtain a better working knowledge of what pivotal roles the SRO plays in these critical incidents. This program is geared for SRO's of any school who may be tasked in assisting in the rapid deployment system. It is also beneficial for detectives as well as the new patrol officer on the road. **This two day program will cover the following areas:**

- Overview of the SRO responsibilities and how the "new added roles" are critical in the success of the response
- Plain clothes response compared to uniformed response.
- Concealed Carry Considerations
- Assessments of facilities and finding multiple entry points
- Inter-agency response overview
- Communications and the critical roles played during active shooter
- Firearms range operations: Learning close quarter shooting and response techniques
- Rapid rescue operations and gear to consider
- Force Option™ entry methods and advanced room clearing techniques
- Response gear and knowing your equipment
- Vehicle approach operations
- Surveillance and Intelligence gathering

Gear Required: Full duty belt or plain clothes/detective gear, duty vest or detective vest, eye protection, hearing protection, duty weapon (whether uniform supplied weapons or detective weapon used for concealed carry), 300 rounds of duty ammunition. Long weapons also welcomed for deployment training. Training firearms will be provided with training ammunition

DATE: July 14-15, 2009/July 23-24, 2009 (2 sessions)
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
INSTRUCTORS: TEAM APC USA
LOCATION: Mount Olive/Florham Park, NJ
COURSE: School Resource Officer (SRO) Roles and Rapid Response Operations
COST: \$ 225.00

For more equipment list and additional information contact:
Awareness Protective Consultants, LLC at: 1-866-634-3373 or email at training@apc360zone.com. For registration forms, go to www.apc360zone.com under the "Training Services" Section. For locations and lodging information contact Captain Treiber of Florham Park Police at (973)410-5383 or Cpl Cordileone of Mount Olive Police at 973-691-0900 ext 7578