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## SRO OF THE YEAR

### RUSS DAY

### DAVIESS COUNTY

**Congratulations** to Deputy Russ Day for being named the 2008 Kentucky School Resource Officer of the Year!

Deputy Day was chosen among more than 240 nominated officers across the state. Deputy Day often goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the safety of the students at Daviess County High School.

Deputy Day will be recognized as the Kentucky School Resource Officer of the year at the Fifth Annual Safe Schools and Communities Conference in June. He will also be Kentucky's nominee for the national school resource officer of the year award.

The Daviess County Sheriff's Office along with the Daviess County Board of Education has established a nationally accepted S.R.O. Program for its schools. Thank you Deputy Day for being an outstanding leader in your community and school.



Deputy Day and Abby Narcotics  
Detection

## FREE NATIONAL SAFE PLACE TRAINING

National Safe Place will be offering a free four hour training session to all SROs at the end of the Safe Schools and Communities Conference. This training will take place from 1 - 5 on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Drawbridge Inn. You will be receiving more information from a Safe Place representative.

Safe Place is an organization which provides local youth shelters to all young people in crisis. When a child sees the Safe Place logo (which is placed in partnering businesses, food restaurants, convenience stores, fire and police stations, public busses, and libraries) they know in time of a crisis this is a safe place for them to go for help.

You can go to [www.nationalsafeplace.org](http://www.nationalsafeplace.org) for more information.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Check out the Important dates to remember on page 6
- If you can't vote at the conference be sure to send in your 2008-2009 Board Ballot on page 7!
- CONGRATULATIONS to all of the 2008 KYASRO Award Winners!

**LETTER FROM TODD BRENDEL, KYASRO PRESIDENT**

Dear KYASRO Members,

Well it's that time of the year again for our annual conference. We have some good speakers and workshops planned along with some fun activities for members and their families. Remember if you can't attend the conference, send in your membership dues. We hope to have the KYASRO web site up and running by conference time. Also remember to vote, there is one contested election for the KYASRO board. I look forward to seeing you all at the conference, stop by the KYASRO hospitality room and enjoy some fun times with other KYASRO members.

-Todd

**UPDATE FROM REGION 5**

On March 12, 2008 ten officers from Region # 5 met at the Grayson Police Department, along with three KYASRO Board members. They came from the Harlan, Menifee, Powell, Montgomery, and Carter County Sheriff Department's, along with the Grayson Police SRO and the Chief from Flatwoods, interested in starting a SRO program. Information about SRO's, KYASRO, and NASRO were shared. This was the first meeting for the Region # 5 folks and many hoped to get together again.

**THE TREND OF SAGGING**

When a person wears their pants or shorts below the waist to the point of revealing their underwear this clothing style is commonly known as sagging. If you have ever wondered why teens often wear saggy clothing you are not alone.

The sagging of pants actually is said to have started in prisons. After items are confiscated from prisoners such as belts there was no way to keep their pants up. People then say when released from prison they were so use to their clothing being baggy it was just what became the most comfortable to them.

Saggy clothing cannot be labeled to one certain group of people. Saggy clothing is often associated with gangs as well as skateboarders.

Many school districts across the country have prohibited saggy clothing in schools. Some cities have even passed laws which make it illegal to wear saggy clothing which reveal undergarments or skin in public.

This is a common trend throughout our schools in Kentucky, and it may be useful to keep updated on the trend.

You can find information from this article as well as more information on the trend at:

[www.associatedcontent.com/article/257484/sagging\\_pants](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/257484/sagging_pants) OR [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sagging\\_\(fashion\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sagging_(fashion))

**AVAILABLE FUNDING FROM THE COPS OFFICE**

Dear Colleague:

The COPS Office is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the **COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) 2008 grant program**. Approximately \$13 million is available in FY2008 to provide funding to law enforcement agencies to assist with the development of school safety resources and provide improved security at schools and on school grounds. Specifically, this program will fund up to 50% of the total cost to implement one or more of the following options: placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures; security assessments; security training of personnel and students; coordination with local law enforcement; and/or any other measure that may provide a significant improvement in security.

This year, the program is open to all law enforcement agencies nationwide. The application process will be competitive, and as such it is recommended that interested law enforcement agencies use this time, early in the solicitation period, to contact and develop partnerships with area schools that need to enhance or improve school safety and security equipment and/or measures. As noted above, there is a 50% local cash match requirement under this grant program

There are three ways to apply for the SOS 2008 grant program: 1) You may obtain a copy of the application materials by calling the COPS Response Center at 1.800.421.6770. 2) You may print the application materials from a writeable PDF file that is available for download from <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=240>. [If you elect to use this format, please understand that you may not submit your application via e-mail. It must be mailed and postmarked as instructed below and must contain original signatures.] 3) As of May 23, 2008 you also may apply on-line at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). To view the application and apply on-line, go to [https://apply.grants.gov/forms\\_apps\\_idx.html](https://apply.grants.gov/forms_apps_idx.html). The opportunity code for this program is COPS-SOS-2008-1.

**To be considered for funding, completed applications must be submitted on-line or postmarked no later than June 13, 2008.** If you choose to request or download and complete a paper copy of the application, please provide one original and two copies. The completed application can be mailed to:

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Attention: Secure Our Schools, 8<sup>th</sup> floor

1100 Vermont Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20530

(If sending via an express delivery service, please use 20005 as the zip code.)

The COPS Office looks forward to working with the law enforcement agencies that apply under this program and will provide technical assistance to applicants during the solicitation process, as requested. For more information, please feel free to contact the COPS Response Center at 1.800.421.6770.

Sincerely,

Carl R. Peed

Director

2008  
KYASRO AWARD WINNERS

We are pleased to announce the 2008 KYASRO Award winners:

Kentucky SRO of the Year – Russ Day (Daviness County SO)

Rookie of the Year – Billy King (Nicholasville PD)

Educator of the Year – Mike Sander (Erlanger – Elsmere School District)

KYASRO Award of Merit – Robert Walker (Harrison Co.)

KYASRO President’s Award - Sheriff John Aubrey (Jefferson County)

Region 1 SRO of the Year – Ray Chumbler (Marshall Co.)

Region 2 SRO of the Year – Howard Garrison (Glasgow PD)

Region 3 SRO of the Year – Chris Townsend (Lexington Metro)

Region 4 SRO of the Year – Hobert Strange (Kenton Co.)

Region 5 SRO of the Year – Mike Martin (Montgomery Co.)

Region 6 SRO of the Year – Linda Cook (Lincoln Co.)



A special thanks to all who  
nominated for the 2008  
KYASRO Awards



**SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER- NOW WHAT???****LUCY RIFFLE, KYASRO EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR**

It's time for summer break from school. Teachers and students vacate the buildings. What is the role of the SRO during this time?

Many SRO's are assigned to their departments for regular duties such as patrol, investigations, etc. during the summer. Others are merely on summer vacation themselves. Either way, the opportunity to connect with your students is still available.



There is a substantial body of research that indicates that a strong sense of belonging or connection between students and a responsible adult fosters a safe and secure learning environment, which makes it conducive to both safety and enhanced academic achievement. Summertime is a perfect opportunity to make this connection.

- Many students are involved in sports teams such as baseball, softball or soccer during the summer. Find out when your students are playing and show up for a game (or even part of one). Both the students and their parents will be impressed that you **care** enough for their child to come to an out of school event.
- Attend local festivals. Even take your own family. But, be sure to stop and talk to your students when you see them. Kids love it when they are recognized out of school and are amazed that you have a family too!!!
- While on patrol, stop and talk to your students that you see in the community.
- On another sadder note, summer is also the time when many students are hurt or even killed in tragic accidents. Be sure to visit them in the hospital or even attend a visitation to show that you care.

Whether working or not during the summer, making a connection with your students makes life easier during school.

**NCPC FUNDING AVAILABLE—UP TO \$5,000!**

Help improve the safety and security of your school and students by working with the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), which is now accepting applications for McGruff Neighborhood and Be Safe and Sound in School.

These programs work with elementary and middle schools to create safe learning environments and teach personal safety and security by working with administrators, students, parents, law enforcement, and the community to address school safety concerns and create a safety net for children.

To learn more and apply for funding under these programs, visit [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).

**The application deadline is May 30.**

**2010 NASRO CONFERENCE**

We are happy to announce that the 2010 NASRO conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Special thanks to the KYASRO board members and SROs from the Louisville area who met with NASRO representatives and helped bring this event to our state.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**May 15, 2008 - Safe Schools and Communities Conference  
Registration Deadline**

**May 30, 2008 - Application deadline for NCPC Funding**

**June 16-18, 2008 - Safe Schools and Communities Conference  
Drawbridge Inn  
Ft. Mitchell, KY**

**July 21, 2008 - NASRO Annual Conference Registration Deadline**

**July 28-August 1, 2008 - NASRO Annual Conference  
Phoenix, Arizona**

**DON'T FORGET**



The KYASRO Board Election will take place at the 2008 Safe Schools and Communities Conference. There will be a booth set up where you can vote. If you are unable to attend the conference you may fill mail in the ballot below.



**2008-2009 KYASRO BOARD BALLOT**

- President:** Todd Brendel
- Vice President:** Rita Bierly  
Phil Shipp
- 1st Vice President:** Richard Kirby
- Secretary:** Lee Ann Morrison
- Treasurer:** Roy Black
- Region 1:** Micah Kaminski
- Region 2:** Glen Woodard
- Region 3:** Mike McCauley
- Region 4:** Ken Kippenbrock
- Region 5:** RD Porter
- Region 6:** Anthony McCollum

If you are unable to vote at the conference you can mail this ballot to:

Lee Ann Morrison  
Kentucky Center for School Safety  
105 Stratton Building  
521 Lancaster Ave.  
Richmond, KY 40475

Please CIRCLE your selection

**SPRING 2008**



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