Welcome back to another busy school year. As we begin working with this group of Generation X students we are reminded that we must constantly learn and change our approaches to dealing with these young people.

We all need to search for conferences and trainings to keep us up-to-date on new research and methods.

Today’s students are very technology savvy, and search for instant gratifications for actions. We must strive to expand our abilities to lead these youth to make the proper decisions for events/challenges that they are facing.

So, I challenge you to learn, grow, and stay involved in KYASRO so that your approaches to working with the student in your schools is the most effective as it can be.

Stay safe and let us know if KYASRO can ever assist you in any way.

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**Kentucky SROs Win National Awards**

At the Annual Safe Schools Advocacy Council Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada during the week of July 22nd, two Kentucky school resource officers (SRO’s) and a police department in Kentucky took (3) of the 15 exemplary service in school safety awards given out for school safety initiatives. These prestigious commendations were awarded to:

1. Billy King, Nicholasville Police Department (nominated by the Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers)
2. Joe Saunier, Lawrenceburg Police Department (nominated by the Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers)
3. Owensboro Police Department (nominated by the local school district)
FREE TRAINING OFFERED BY THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL COMING SOON . . .

The Kentucky Center for School Safety, the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition, the Kentucky Association for School Resource Officers, and the National Crime Prevention Council Home of McGruff the Crime Dog® invite you to attend our upcoming

FREE 24-Hour Skill-building Basic Crime Prevention Course

Eastern Kentucky University April 22-24, 2014

To register now or find out more about the training, please visit:

http://www.cvent.com/d/24qj2t

If you have any additional questions, please contact Sarita Coletrane at coletrane@ncpc.org. You can use this training to go towards your National Crime Prevention Specialist Certification program through NCPC. It is the only NATIONAL certification in crime prevention available! This training will fill up fast so don’t delay!
SAVE the DATE

11th Annual Safe Schools and Communities Conference

(this is now a combined conference with the KCSS Safe Schools Conference)

When:       June 9 - 11, 2014
Where:      Louisville, KY (location to be determined)


Upcoming Training Events from the Kentucky Center for School Safety

Nov. 15, 2013 - Bowling Green, KY - *Who’s In Our Schools - A Generational Overview?*
Trainer: Robert Carter, 8 hours of EILA and KLEC credit will be available.
There is a $30 registration fee.

Nov. 21, 2013 - Prestonsburg, KY - *Suicide Prevention Training*  Trainer: Lucy Riffle
3 hours of EILA credit will be available. There is no cost for this training.

December 6 - Frankfort, KY - *New SRO Training*  Lead Trainer: Glenn Woodard
3 hours of EILA credit will be available. There is no cost for this training.

*KCSS has partnered with the Kentucky State Police to offer active shooter training that is applicable for school personnel. Watch the KCSS calendar for dates and locations.*
1. **Commonwealth v. Bell and TC, a child under 18, 365 S.W.3d 216 (Ky. App. 2012).** This is a Kentucky Court of Appeals decision about a police interrogation that took place at the school but related to a crime that occurred outside the school. Here, the child was removed from class by school officials, mirandized, and questioned by a Detective. The Fayette County District Court suppressed the statements because it deemed the statements “involuntary” even though the 13 year old was warned prior to questioning and was told that he was not under arrest. The appellate court agreed and declined to enter the extraordinary relief that was requested by the Commonwealth—a writ to prohibit the suppression of the evidence. That case did not go to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

2. **NC, a child under 18 v. Commonwealth, 396 S.W.3d 852 (Ky. 2013).** This is a Supreme Court of Kentucky decision out of Nelson County. A child was removed from class and escorted to the school official’s office by a police officer. He was questioned by a school official while the police officer was in the room and participated in questioning about evidence of narcotics found at the school. The police officer did not give *Miranda* warnings. The student gave a confession in response to questioning. The Supreme Court of Kentucky remanded the case to Nelson Circuit Court for further proceedings and reversed the Circuit Court’s ruling. The Circuit Court had reversed the Nelson District Court’s ruling that the confession should be suppressed. In other words, the opinion of the Supreme Court of Kentucky is that the statement by the child should have been suppressed.

Here are significant points stated as more general rules from these two opinions as it relates to police questioning of a student:

- If a peace officer is present during questioning of a student at the school, even if the questioning is by a school official, and there is a foreseeable possibility of criminal prosecution, *Miranda* warnings are required.

- Failure to issue a warning when one is required will result in suppression of incriminating statements given in response to questioning.

- A peace officer may assist in maintaining order in concert with school officials and may be involved in matters of pure school discipline without invoking a duty to provide *Miranda* warnings.

- Neither the Bell nor NC holdings relate to the situation where a peace officer or social worker wish to speak with a child victim at the school.

- The onus is on law enforcement, not school administrators, to recognize whether Miranda warnings are required.

- Only a police officer has a duty to administer warnings when they are required.

- A juvenile taken from a classroom to be interrogated by a peace officer may be considered to be in custody and may trigger the parental notifications requirements of KRS 610.200.

- There remains an exception for an immediate safety issue, such as a gun at the school.

Bell was final in 2012 and NC became final in May 2013. Both are binding authority.
SB 8/HB 354 requires schools and districts to:

- Adopt an emergency plan to include procedures to be followed in case of fire, severe weather, or earthquake, or if a building lockdown as defined in KRS 158.164 is required; the principal shall discuss the emergency plan with all school staff prior to the first instructional day of each school year and shall document the time and date of any discussion.
- Provide, after adoption, the emergency plan, along with a complete diagram of the facility, to appropriate local first responders.
- Establish primary and secondary evacuation routes for all rooms located within the school and post the routes in each room by any doorway used for evacuation.
- Identify severe weather safe zones to be reviewed by the local fire marshal or fire chief and post the location of safe zones in each room of the school.
- Develop practices for students to follow during an earthquake.
- Conduct, at a minimum, emergency response drills to include one (1) severe weather drill, one (1) earthquake drill and one (1) lockdown drill within the first thirty (30) instructional days of each school year and again during the month of January.
- Develop and adhere to practices to control the access to each school building, including requiring that all visitors report to the front office of the building and provide valid identification, state the purpose of the visit; and provide a visitor's badge to be visibly displayed on a visitor's outer garment.
- Follow (as much as possible) the recommendation that all classroom doors be locked during instructional time, if the door can be locked from the outside and opened from the inside without a key.
- Require local boards to review Crime Prevention through Environment Design Principles when constructing or renovating a school building.
- Superintendent verification of district-wide compliance must be sent to KDE by November 1st of each school year

Please contact the Kentucky Center for School Safety (1-877-805-4277) or visit www.kysafeschools.org for more information.
This map was updated in the spring of 2013 with self-reported data from law enforcement agencies. Please notify Lee Ann Morrison at leeann.morrison@ksba.org with any changes.
The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) announced funding awards to 263 cities and counties, aimed at creating, and in some cases protecting, 937 law enforcement positions. More than $125 million will be awarded nationally, including nearly $45 million to fund 356 new school resource officer positions.

Congratulations to the following departments who will be receiving COPS awards:

- Louisville Metro
- McKee City
- Nicholasville PD

Help keep your students safe at Halloween. Visit www.ncpc.org for free safety flyers and activities to print out for students and parents.
Join the “Safety Team,” take every “Opportunity” to use your “Power” to **S.T.O.P! Bullying, Violence and Risky Behavior in our Schools!** That is the theme of this year’s Kentucky Safe Schools Week.

This year Kentucky Safe Schools Week is set for October 20 - 26, 2013. **Kentucky Center for School Safety** encourages every school across Kentucky to participate. Since last December’s tragic events, Kentucky along with the rest of America, has reexamined, reevaluated and prioritized their school safety concerns and needs. The Kentucky Safe Schools Week theme this year addresses the cruelty of bullying, the fear of violence and the self-destruction of high-risk behavior on our campuses. During the week students, staff, parents and community members will be encouraged to **join in** and be part of the school’s **safety team** to **stop** a multitude of safety issues. This week’s positive focus will be on “**Safety**, “**Teamwork,” “**Opportunities**” and “**Power**” all stakeholders will be encouraged to get involved and **S.T.O.P! Bullying, Violence and Risky Behavior in our Schools** which supports a safe, respectful, climate where all can succeed.

During this weeklong observance, a concerted effort will be used to bring together all Kentuckians to improve safety in our schools by educating students, staff and community members about school safety issues such as bullying, cyber-bullying, conflict, gangs, substance abuse, internet safety and self-harm. The phrase “**Join the team**” encourages student groups to find opportunities to use their power to make schools a neighborhood **sanctuary** for academic, athletic and social purposes. Teachers will have a variety of resources available for them to use during this week, including; an online S.T.O.P.! Pledge, PowerPoint presentations, lessons, interactive websites and much more. Resources will also be available for school administrators, parents and community members at [www.kysafeschools.org/ssw.php](http://www.kysafeschools.org/ssw.php)
Officer Joe Saunier is a SRO in the Anderson County Schools and has been travelling state-wide to help other officers get the word out about bullying prevention. Joe is very active in his own community in addition to bringing his bullying prevention vehicle to other districts. He has taken part in community events and parades upon request. Joe also works with various youth groups on the topics of safety and bullying prevention. Joe is always willing to assist other SROs if he is available. You can contact Joe at joe.saunier@anderson.kyschools.us.