Happy Holidays and Welcome to a New Year!

I hope this letter finds all of you safe and sound as we move into the year 2015. I hope that the fall semester has been successful and that you got a much needed holiday break before diving into the spring. I am thrilled to let you all know that at current count, KYASRO has increased to 244 SROs covering 96 school districts across Kentucky. Word is getting out that police in schools is THE best form of Community Oriented Policing, and it is all because of the great work YOU are doing. I want to encourage you to keep up the great work, and don’t let the day to day grind bring you down

Much of my inspiration and drive for this job comes from teaching. As I prepare and research for student presentations, I learn more than I ever dreamed. In the classroom is where we are going to reach beyond that small percentage of “Troubled Kids” that are constantly in our office. If you have not been able to get into classrooms with students, I challenge you to do so. Talk to them about your experience and do not be afraid to branch out into topics that you have not thought about before. Work with teachers to help develop topics that integrate with their lessons (this helps everyone). You will surprise yourself with how much they will learn, and how much your students can teach you. It will make you a better teacher, a better cop, a better human.

As always if KYASRO can be of any assistance to you; call us or email. Stay safe out there and remember we are Securing Kentucky’s Best Resource.

Sam Wade
sam.wade@jessamine.kyschools.us

Registration for the 11th Annual Conference will open in January. Visit www.kysafeschools.org for more information.

Special points of interest:
- Upcoming training
- 2015 Scholarship
- 2015 Awards
- National Conferences
- Homeland Security Update
2015 NASRO Conference

The National Association of School Resource Officers will hold its 25th annual School Safety Conference July 5-10, 2015 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida. The Florida Association of School Resource Officers will host the conference, and it promises to be one of the best conferences yet. The NASRO conference will bring together school resource officers, law enforcement, school security/safety professionals, school board members, school administrators, and others to receive superior training and networking opportunities.

Attendees will have the opportunity to receive 30 hours of training; view an exhibit hall with the latest in products, technology and innovations; complete a NASRO Training Course onsite at no additional charge; and interact with SROs, School Administrators, Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police from throughout the country and internationally.

VISIT WWW.NASRO.ORG for more information.
Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
Funding Opportunities

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security coordinates the Law Enforcement Protection Program (LEPP) which provides grants for body armor, fire arms, ammunition, and electronic control weapons to sworn peace officers. As of July 2014, school boards employing full-time or part-time school resource officers through the Special Law Enforcement Organization statute are eligible to take advantage of this grant.

Applications are accepted throughout the year and can be found at our website [www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/LEPP](http://www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/LEPP). Applications are reviewed quarterly by KOHS staff and, with the approval of the Governor, awarded based upon available funding. Per KRS 16.220 the following priorities will be used in awarding grants: providing and replacing body armor; supplying duty firearms and ammunition; and purchasing electronic control weapons. LEPP awards are reimbursable grants, meaning the recipient is reimbursed after funds are expended and proper documentation is provided to Homeland Security. For more information on the program, contact staff member Pat Gill at pat.gill@ky.gov or call (502) 564-2081.

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security also urges educational institutions to become involved in our “If You See Something, Say Something” campaign by posting 866-EYE-ON-KY posters and brochures in administrative areas. EYE-ON-KY is an anonymous telephone tip line enabling anyone to report suspicious activity as well as unattended items that logically might pose a threat to individuals, their community or the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Calling 1-866-EYE-ON-KY connects you to the Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center where your information will be reviewed and then forwarded quickly to the appropriate response agency, or to an intelligence specialist for further analysis. If you would like to request materials for display, please contact Aaron Horner at aaron.horner@ky.gov or call (502) 564-2081. Remember, if you see something, say something.
TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PRACTITIONERS COMING TO KENTUCKY!

REGISTER TODAY for the Advanced Crime Prevention Skill-building Course!

This course is in the process of being approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

ONLINE REGISTRATION
WWW.NCPC.ORG/TRAINING
OR FAX REGISTRATION FORM TO 202-296-1355

FOR MORE INFORMATION TO REGISTER:
SaritaColetrane, NCPC
202-261-4162 or coletrane@ncpc.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE COURSE:
ChuckSzczorski, NCPC
202-615-9093 or csczczorski@ncpc.org

TRAINING DATES: May 6-8, 2015
TRAINING FEE: FREE

TRAINING LOCATION:
Eastern Kentucky University
Kit Carson Drive
Perkins Building
Richmond, KY 40475

* Travel, lodging, and food costs are the responsibility of the participant
* A list of hotels is available

THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), founded in 1982, is the nation’s nonprofit leader in crime prevention. For 30 years, our recognizable icon McGruff the Crime Dog® has delivered easy-to-use crime prevention tips that empower citizens to individually and collectively keep themselves, their families, and their communities safe from crime. Together with a vast network of local and state law enforcement agencies, local community groups, foundations, and corporate partners, NCPC makes an impact on personal safety and crime every day. For more information on how NCPC can help you “Take a Bite Out of Crime®,” visit www.ncpc.org

This project was supported by Grant No. 2010-DJ-BX-K036 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the SMART Office, and the Office for Victims of Crime. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not represent the official position or policies of the United States Department of Justice.
Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers
Making a positive difference in the future of your children

STICKLEN/SHIPP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2015

Dear High School Counselor and/or School Resource Officer:
The Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers (KYASRO) is offering a $500.00 scholarship for post-secondary education to seniors. Students are nominated by their School Resource Officer (SRO) based on the student’s contribution to safety or crime prevention in his/her school on the attached application. It is suggested that SROs collaborate with their high school counselors and other school administrators/staff regarding qualified applicants. The scholarship will be announced by May 1, 2015. The nominating SRO must be a member of KYASRO.

If you need membership information, please contact Lee Ann Morrison at 1-877-805-4277 or visit www.kyasro.org.

This scholarship is given in memory of KYASRO board members
James Sticklen and Phil Shipp.

CONTACT INFORMATION:
If you have any questions regarding the Sticklen/Shipp Memorial Scholarship, please contact:

Lee Ann Morrison
877-805-4277

APPLICATIONS:
Applications must be received NO LATER THAN April 15, 2015

Mail or email the application to:

Lee Ann Morrison
Kentucky Center for School Safety
Eastern Kentucky University
521 Lancaster Avenue
Stratton 111
Richmond, KY 40475
leeann.morrison@eku.edu
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PRINCIPALS AND CHIEFS/SHERIFFS

Is there an outstanding School Resource Officer or Educator/School Administrator in your department or school system?

The Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers is taking nominations for:

- Kentucky School Resource Officer of the Year (There will only be one overall SRO of the Year award given this year. KYASRO has discontinued the regional award process).
- Educator/School Administrator of the Year
- Rookie SRO of the Year

Nominations may be submitted by a Chief/Sheriff, Supervisor, another SRO Officer, or any School Official. The award presentation will be during the awards reception at our Annual Conference at the Marriott Hotel in Louisville on June 15, 2015. A SRO of the Year nominee must serve as a strong role model and provided services to their schools and communities above and beyond what is expected in their position. The Rookie of the Year Award will go to an SRO who is new in the role of law enforcement (2 years or less) within a school environment but made a positive impact on their school community. A candidate for the School Administrator/Educator award will be an administrator or educator who has had a positive impact on their school community and has demonstrated support for a safe and secure learning environment.

Please complete the form below and return with nomination description and any support materials no later than Friday, April 24, 2015. You can mail to KYASRO, Kentucky Center for School Safety, 521 Lancaster Ave., Stratton 111, Richmond, KY 40475. You can also email to leeann.morrison@eku.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Ann Morrison via email or 1-877-805-4277.

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**Please submit a description as to why the nominee listed above should receive the award. Please include years of experience, specific activities and any other pertinent information. We will also accept letters of support and any other supporting documentation.**
The KYASRO Christmas award was given to Pulaski County Schools to assist with a local angel tree.

Left to right: Deputy Kenny Upchurch, SRO, Deputy Scott West, SRO, Melanie Reynolds, Somerset Junior Women’s Club, Wanda Absher, KYASRO Board Member, Lori Price, District Social Worker.

The KYASRO association would like to wish you a very safe and happy holiday season.

Go to www.kyasro.org for membership information.