



# OSROA ... On the Move!

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### Letter from the President

By Steve Burgess- [BurgessS@greatoaks.com](mailto:BurgessS@greatoaks.com)

Another school year is almost over. I think the older we get the faster the school year goes by. Of course, we never thought that when we were young and just trying to get through those long school days, so we could go home afterwards and enjoy the benefits of still being a dependant. I look at the outgoing seniors and some have had the best times of their lives and others have struggled to get to school and through the day and now must face a world that is not as forgiving as teachers and principals. Some must now fend for themselves. My hope is that the contact that I have had with all my students/young adults were positive and also a learning experience that helps them transition into the journey of higher education, adult workforce and the realities of life.

I also hope that your school year was without tragedy. We had some in Ohio this year, with the passing of SRO Chuck Norris. We also have some praises: SRO Mike Davis of the Middletown Police Department, who suffered a heart attack in one of his schools and the staff, saved his life. We also don't want to forget the families and friends of those students who may have departed life so early through ill or dealing with big problems such as an early time in their lives.

This is also the time for all of us to reflect on the job we did this year and identify the things we can bring back next year to make the 2010-11 year even better. Do we need certain training in an area that one school is experiencing issues that maybe another isn't? More information on available monies for school based policing? What new technology is available? What is the newest defense to school violence? What are the new laws that will affect our SRO positions? For training on these topics look no further than what's offered right here in Ohio at the 2010 OSROA State Conference in June at Maumee Bay. With budgets the way they are, OSROA has again created an excellent affordable package for three days of pertinent

and reliable information for the SRO and school personnel. Don't forget that with the payment of the conference registration fee, a one year OSROA membership is included. This membership keeps you in the loop of what OSROA is doing in support of SROs, newsletters, trainings and many other OSROA activities.

To guide us over the next few years, OSROA recently held its 3-year strategic planning meeting at the Genoa Township Town Hall. I want to thank those who participated in the meeting and Genoa Township for the use of their facility. Useful and meaningful information was compiled from the meeting and the next three years looks to be very exciting. I encourage the membership to get involved. This is your association and involvement will build this association and make Ohio the premier association in this country on school based policing. Contact your local OSROA regional representatives and get involved. Every SRO should attend their regional meetings. The regional reps work hard to bring in local speakers and resources for these meetings. If you want to host a meeting, please contact your regional rep. Also the OSROA office is there for you, please call or e-mail if you have any questions or need some assistance. The OSROA website is also a good resource. Use the bulletin board and other tools. OSROA is now on Facebook and looking into connecting with other technology for the membership to use.

Confucius said, "Choose work you love and you will never have to work a day in your life". I think SROs mirror that sentiment. I know the schools, students, staff and communities are very pleased to have professionally trained police officers in their schools protecting and guiding their kids, giving many the hope needed. I thank all of you for what you do every day in our schools.

Sincerely,  
Steve

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## News from the Northeast Region



By Todd Bennett- [tbennett@orange.k12.oh.us](mailto:tbennett@orange.k12.oh.us)

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> we had our last regional meeting until the annual conference this summer. We had several SROs attend and share their areas information. We talked about the upcoming conference and the A.L.I.C.E training that will occur during the days following the conference. There was one SRO in attendance that had already been trained thru A.L.I.C.E and he shared the value of the lessons learned during the training.

Also in the news recently was information from the national advocacy group "Break the Cycle", a leading voice against teen dating violence, which issued its 2009 State-by-State Report Card. Break the Cycle gives Ohio an "F" for its efforts to protect teenagers from abusive relationships. Due to the grade given in the report, Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray supported two Bills which recently passed and were signed into law.

House Bill 10, sponsored by state Rep. Edna Brown, (Toledo), would allow juvenile court judges to grant teens protective orders against other juveniles. Prior to the creation of these bill juveniles were not given the same rights as adults regarding protective orders. Also State Rep. Sandra Stabile Harwood, (Niles), sponsored House Bill 19, which would require school districts to adopt a dating violence education policy to inform students about and promote healthy teen dating practices. One recommendation for bringing in training to your school would be Mike Domitrz; you can check his presentation out at: [www.DateSafeProject.org](http://www.DateSafeProject.org) .

Good luck with the end of the school year and the upcoming Senior Pranks, Prom/after-prom and, of course, graduation day. Keep in mind the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Cleveland Police Officer Memorial Commemoration will be held May 19-23.

Hope to see you at the conference this summer!

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## News from the Central Region



By Sara Rath- [srath@wsoh.org](mailto:srath@wsoh.org)

School resource officers devote many hours each year to violence related incidents. This is a problem which plagues not only the SRO, but concerns students, parents, and teachers as well.

Could the solution to preventing violence in schools lie within the joint efforts of parents, teachers, friends and society? As we guide our students into adulthood, let us also help them understand their role in preventing school violence. How?

- Students can assist peers who solve problems through violence by being a good listener and volunteering to help with academics. The student who is supported and has a positive outlook may not consider an act of violence.
- Students who feel isolated and feel they do not have friends may turn to violence. Encourage students to reach out to others.
- Encourage students to seek help from a school psychologist or academic counselor. A good counselor may be able to understand the problem and provide significant solutions.
- Promote sharing of information. When a student informs adults of a potentially aggressive act or a weapon on school grounds, violence can be avoided.

Reaching our destiny is in direct correlation to the growth we experience. We cannot grow if we choose not to take responsibility for our actions or oftentimes, when we choose to ignore the needs of others. Growth brings abundance, understanding, wisdom and positive energy which are needed to move forward. By student's achieving positive growth and ownership of their environment, we may someday see an end to violence in our schools.

- Sara

## News from the Northwest Region



By Jackie Wegman- [wegman-jackie@maumee.org](mailto:wegman-jackie@maumee.org)

On March 9, 2010 the regional meeting was held at Bowsher High School hosted by SRO Phil Carroll from Toledo Police Department. Danielle Stratton from the Community Partnership was the guest speaker. Danielle provided information on the Underage Access to Alcohol Task Force & Law Enforcement Committee. Danielle invited all SROs to participate on this committee. They meet the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Partnership, 5902 Southwyck Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43614

The main purpose of this meeting was to elect a regional representative to the Board of Directors of the OSROA. As most of you are aware, I will be retiring at the end of the school year and did not seek re-election. Chris Smith, Second Vice President of OSROA, conducted the election. SRO Mark Potter, of the Oregon Police Department was nominated, accepted and elected to the post for the next two years. Mark has been an SRO for more than seven years. Not only will he bring experience to this position but his contagious enthusiasm, as a SRO will serve the position well. Mark can be reached at [mpotter@ci.oregon.oh.us](mailto:mpotter@ci.oregon.oh.us) or 419-698-7187.

For my last newsletter I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the President, Past President, the Executive Director (Kari) and Membership Services Coordinator (Eileen) and all the other Regional Directors for their assistance and thoughtfulness in helping me complete this assignment. We have all heard the cliché,

“it takes a village to raise a child” with these builders orchestrating the village our children will continue to be our world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future. As a soon-to-be retired person, my heartfelt thank-you to all SROs for what you do every day. Stay Safe and enjoy the summer!

Jackie

## News from the Southwest Region

By Troy Nelson- [Tnelson@masonoh.org](mailto:Tnelson@masonoh.org)

It’s that busy time of year again, as school begins to wind down. I would like to thank all the Southwest officers that attended our winter meeting; we had over 25 in attendance. OSROA President, Steve Burgess was on hand to give us an overview of the ALICE program. Steve is an ALICE instructor and provided our region with some great information to take back to our schools.

Please make sure to mark your calendars for the State Conference in June. This is always a quality conference and this year plans to be no different. Take some time to rest, rejuvenate and get some education at the same time. Have a safe ending to your school year and we look forward to seeing everyone in June.

## The VP Corner

By Barry Smith - [st\\_bsmith@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_bsmith@smfcsd.org)

Soon the 2009-10 school year will be coming to an end. As you look back and reflect upon what you most likely consider a successful year, you should consider lessons learned; measurement of success; and building upon best practices in preparing for the 2010-11 school year. There is no better way to prepare for next school year than attending the Ohio School Resource Officers Association (OSROA) Annual Conference.

This gives you an opportunity to speak with like minded school resource officers from around the state, who spend their days, weeks, and months coming up with solutions to trendy problems and crimes in an effort to make Ohio schools safer. Furthermore, it also gives you a chance to share your ideas and solutions with other SROs.

The conference will be held at Maumee Bay Lodge & Conference Center on June 27, 28, 29 - 2010. For additional information, please visit [www.osroa.org](http://www.osroa.org).

Hope to see you there!

- Barry

**News from the Southeast Region**



By Butch Aldrich- [baldrich@jhs.k12.oh.us](mailto:baldrich@jhs.k12.oh.us)

Greetings to all the Southeastern School Resource Officers. This year seems to have traveled quickly. We held our last regional meeting at the new Logan High School in Logan, Ohio. This meeting was hosted by our Second Vice-president Chris Smith. The meeting program was A.L.I.C.E. Training that was presented by Marietta SRO A.J. Linscott. A.J. did a fine job. There were 16 present for the training.

Other items discussed were the upcoming OSROA Conference, table top scenarios, Web Site, and membership in OSROA.

OSROA Conference will again be held at the Maumee Bay Resort on June 27, 28 & 29, 2010. An additional A.L.I.C.E. Train the Trainer session will be available. (see website for more information)

Our next regional meeting will be held at the Jackson High School in Jackson, Ohio on May 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Our meeting is always open to all SROs, Dare Officer, School Administrators, Juvenile Prosecutors, Law Enforcement Administrators, and Juvenile Probation Officers.

Hope to see you at the OSROA Conference.

If you need to contact me or have any comments, you can reach me at: [baldrich@jcs.k12.oh.us](mailto:baldrich@jcs.k12.oh.us) or call the Jackson High School at 740-286-7575 ext. 3015.

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**Join the OSROA Bulletin Board**

The OSROA bulletin Board is now available at [www.osroa.org](http://www.osroa.org)

The Bulletin Board is a secure area, for members only and requires you to register a username (your first and last name) and a password.

To Register: Go to our website and "Click Here" in the Bulletin Board box and fill in the information.

After you register, within a short period of time, you will receive a notification via email of password approval and then you will be able to read and post messages. This is a wonderful resource to keep current on school safety issues.

**2010 OSROA Training Opportunities**  
**(more to come!)**

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**OSROA Annual Conference**

**June 27, 28, 29, 2010**

**Maumee Bay Resort**

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**Operation Street Smart- Gang and Drug Education**

**September 9, 2010 Reynoldsburg Police Dept.**

**Visit our website at [www.osroa.org](http://www.osroa.org) to register.**

Ohio School Resource Officers Association presents:  
2010 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS  
SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, June 27, 28, 29, 2010

Maumee Bay Resort

1750 State Park Road, Oregon, Ohio 43618

Directions available at: [www.maumeebayresort.com](http://www.maumeebayresort.com)

**Target Audience:** SROs, School Administrators, Teachers & Principals, School Counselors and Psychologists, School Based Police Officers & Supervisors, Juvenile Probation Officers & Detectives.  
**General Information:** Please join us for this three-day conference, offered in a unique state park setting, where dynamic instructors present educational sessions, including A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate), that will be of interest to SROs and school administrators alike. Again in 2010 OSROA has shortened the conference to three days to reduce the attendee's expenses while still providing valuable training. The "bundle" registration fee covers overnight accommodations, meals, breaks, conference materials, 2010 conference T-shirt, OSROA '10-'11 Membership Dues, and door prizes and should lessen administrative paperwork for your department. Bring the family!\* There is plenty to do in and around Maumee Bay Lodge to both keep your family entertained while you attend the education sessions and for you to do with your family during the free time on Monday evening. If you plan to spend the night before or after the conference dates, please call Maumee Reservations and mention you are with the OSROA group so you will receive a special room rate.

An additional A.L.I.C.E. Train the Trainer session is available through Response Options on Wednesday and Thursday, June 30 & July 1, 2010. Please visit <http://www.roseminars.com/upalinco.html> for more information and registration. OSROA members receive a \$100 discount off the cost of the training.

**Registration Costs** (includes Sunday/Monday lodging and meals during the conference and '10-'11 OSROA Membership Dues):

Single Occupancy \$490 or

Double Occupancy \$410 or

No lodging registration \$220 (includes all meals, no overnight stay)

There are two options for meals for children and spouses/guests: 1) Pay the bundle price\* for children and guests to eat with the conference group, 2) Bring the family and have them eat their meals on their own at the Lodge restaurant. Please indicate on the registration form which option you choose. Family and guest bundle fees must be paid by June 26, 2010.

\*Spouse/Guest \$91 and Children (12 & under) \$44 (includes lodging and all meals)

**Please note:** For planning purposes, registrations must be received by **May 24, 2010**. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed if received after this date. Cancellations must be received no later than **June 9, 2010**. OSROA is committed to Maumee State Park for all rooms on this date and no refunds will be issued.



HELLO OSROA MEMBERS IN THE CENTRAL, Northwest AND Southeast REGIONS:

OSROA has a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our organization by participating in the Kroger Rewards program. Those members who sign up using their Kroger community rewards for OSROA will be eligible to enter a drawing to win a *Kroger gift card*. The drawing will take place on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:**

- Please register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy. (If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.)
- Most of you are new online customers, so click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box (to the right.)
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on a favorite store, entering your email address, creating a password, entering in contact information and agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and **click on the link** within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number **81464**, key in Ohio School Resource Officers Association or, select our organization from the list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see OSROA's name on the right side of your information page.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- **Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count. You'll be saving money by using your card and raising money for our organization!**

\*\*\*\*\* After you have signed up for our program please email me so that I can enter your name in our drawing\*\*\*\*\*

Thanks to all of you for your support!!

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**About OSROA:** The Ohio School Resource Officer Association is a nonprofit membership association dedicated to promoting school safety: youth citizenship and partnership, between the school system and local law enforcement agency. OSROA members represent individuals from police departments, sheriff's offices, schools, public agencies, business and other community groups interested in school safety. School Resource Officers are a valuable positive influence in the lives of young people.

*OSROA Members*

*Our bulletin board is up and running. If you have not signed in already you can go to our website at [www.osroa.org](http://www.osroa.org) and log in. A confirmation of your password will be emailed to you and then you will have access to read or post messages.*

*This is a wonderful opportunity to converse with other SROs around the state about all aspects of school safety.*



First Row Executive Director Kari Parsons, Central Regional Rep Sara Rath, Vice President Barry Smith, Northwest Regional Rep Jackie Wegman, Second row standing: Northeast Regional Rep Todd Bennett, Southeast Regional Rep Butch Aldrich (Not pictured), President Steve Burgess, Second Vice President Chris Smith, Southwest Rep Troy Nelson.

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