

WFTOA NEWS

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GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR/CONFERENCE RECAP

Hello WFTOA members,

The 2011 annual conference turned out to be another great year for field training. Our conference was a success and attendance was up. We had Neil Trautman from the National Institute of Ethics present material on Advanced FTO Training and First Line Supervision. He presented a lot of useful information to our membership. Sgt Tom Hausner presented segments on Scenario Based Training and how to implement them.

We had two great survival stories from Chris Cook of

Sheboygan and Ryan Williams of Fond Du Lac P.D. These officers showed the fortitude of courage and the ultimate will to survive. They show that officers can show emotion and determination to overcome impossible odds. WFTOA thanks them for their courage, and being strong symbols for all members of the law enforcement families. We wish you the best in the future of your careers.

The location and hotel set up for food, vendors, and classroom proved to be very accommodating once again. Everyone that attended seemed to like the change

up in the food (buffet). The networking in the hospitality room always proves to be a vital part of the conference. It helps to have the Packers play at the same time.

The year 2012 looks to be an exciting one. The board continues to plan speakers, events, and ideas for the conference. We work from the feedback of the membership for each conference. So, please forward all ideas to a board member for consideration. Next year is our 20th annual conference. We all hope to make it an exceptional conference and year.

CONFERENCE RECAP/ADDITIONS

A small change has been implemented by the DOJ in 2012. It is a change on our registration form. The DOJ is now asking for the last four (4) digits of your social security number. This is solely for their record keep-

ing for training. This change affects WFTOA because of the DOJ reimbursement each year. The DOJ reimbursement helps to fund the speaker costs each year. Please fill out that portion on the form.

On behalf of the board, we wish all of you a safe and Happy New Year in training.

CONFERENCE RECAP CONTINUES:

WFTOA is seeking candidates for FTO of the Year and our Scholarship. Nominate that deserving FTO that makes a difference in training. If you know someone going into the field of law enforcement, have them apply for the scholarship.

Take Care,
Sgt Kevin Otto

WFTOA wants to wish Doug Ninmann from Dodge County Sheriff's Department, the very best in his retirement and best of luck in his future endeavors.

Doug Ninmann was a past Director of NAFTO and WFTOA.

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

WFTOA had three members get nominated to Regional Board positions this year. Their names are Jeff Gruss from Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, James Soneberg from Waukesha Sheriff's Department and Brian Zmudzinski from City of Burlington Police Department.

Brian Zmudzinski works for the City of Burlington P.D.. He is the 2nd Shift Patrol Sergeant and the FTO Unit Coordinator. He is a Firearm Tactics Instructor, Ballistic Shield Instructor, Active Shooter Response Instructor, Honor Guard Supervisor and Rifle Armorer.

He served in the military: Sgt US Marine Corps-Infantry.

Fallujah, Iraq 2004.

Please welcome our new board members.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Brewer's Jacket: James Soneberg-Waukesha County SD

Jeff Gruss
Winnebago County SO

Chula Vista Stay (2 Days)
Brian Hammen
Winnebago County SO

Harley Leather Jacket w/
Gloves-Christine Mattson
Eau Claire PD

Harley Jacket w/Hat
Kasey Young
Dodge County SD

DG Bag W/Nike 3 Iron Club
w/Golf Balls and Hat
Jill Koll
Sun Prairie PD

Corona Golf Bag w/Putter
and Access.

RAFFLE WINNERS CONTINUE :

Harley Memorial w/Harley
Museum Admission-Kasey
Young
Dodge County SD

Vizio 32" Flat Screen TV-
Brandon Pierce
Waukesha PD

Miller Lite Lighted Sign
Josh Staggs
Walworth County

Wolf Rivers Resort w/
Pontoon Rental
Steve Flackey
Eau Claire County SO

Green Bay Football
Lori Heideman
Wood County Communica-
tions

Autographed Basketball
Devin Harris
Mark Provost
Eau Claire County SO

Corona Light Dart Board
Jack Johnson JR
Sheboygan County

Glock \$400 Caliber of Choice
Jack Johnson JR
Sheboygan County

EVALUATION WINNERS

This year we received a lot of great information to help us plan the upcoming conference. This year the board members read through the evaluations and then randomly choose two of them.

This year's winners were:

Chippewa Falls Police Department-Tim Strand

Waukesha County Sheriff's Department-Greg Kaepernick

Congratulations!!!



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ENCOURAGE
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FILL OUT
EVALS TO
PROVIDE NEW
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NEXT
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VENDORS/DONATIONS

This year's vendors were:

-Streicher's Police Equipment
Jeff Reiderer
-Ray O'Herron-TJ Lindmeier

If you have any vendors you would like to see at our conference, Please let us know.

WFTOA received donations from the following companies:

Michels Corporation, Kikoman, Wisconsin Dells, Marathon County Sheriff's Office, Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office, Chula Vista, WFTOA

Thank you to our vendors and companies that gave us donations to provide product for our conference.

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WFTOA is an educational and professional association concerned with apprenticeship training (commonly referred to as Field Training Officer concept) for police, communications and corrections personnel. Educators, administrators and other criminal justice practitioners are also encouraged to participate.



PURPOSES OF OUR ORGANIZATION:

The purposes for which this Association has been organized are as follows:

A. Create and instill a working relationship between field training officers, their agencies, and the public.
B. Sharing of ideas and new techniques used by field training officers, administrators, and educators.
C. Provide training seminars, conferences, and research of educational methods

used for improving field training.

D. Educate the membership and the public regarding the necessity of formal field training programs.

E. Keep the membership informed of current legislative changes and judicial decisions.

F. Application of new trends in field training.

G. Support of, and assistance to, the membership

with problems or concerns.