

WFTOA NEWS

Letter from the Executive Director

2016 WFTOA TRAINING SEMINAR

Hello to all WFTOA members across the State of Wisconsin and also all others that view our website. In 2016, we had another successful training seminar at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. As in years past, the success of our seminars is not possible without two major supporters: Wisconsin Training and Standards (DOJ) and the Michels Corporation. Their financial support allows us to bring quality training to all our members. Thank you to both organizations.

This year we had presentations from Jim Palmer of WPPA about Termination and Discipline factors of an employee. WPPA and DCI presented on the follow up of a Critical Incident and what officers involved can expect. Our breakout speakers on the second day were just as stellar. Pete Ehlert presented on Social Media Awareness. Mark Radcliffe presented, "Case Study: Murder of Correctional Officer Jeffrey Wroten." Mark's presentation was an eye-opener to many attendees. We wrapped up the training with Rob Bell and the ever so popular Dave Perlman. I want to thank all of our speakers this year for their contributions to a great training seminar.

I know that we can always brag about how good things were or went. However, we all know that things do not always go that well. This year we were disappointed with a cancellation of a speaker that resulted in some unexpected downtime. We will move forward and plan better for the unexpected. For the first time in the many years I have been involved with WFTOA, we had to cancel the after training activities due to the unusual amount of rain we received this year.

Thank you for your continued support of our organization through your attendance each year. We strive to bring you the best training we can that helps you in training the future of Law Enforcement.

Thanks,

Kevin Otto-Exec. Director

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OFFICERS ARE
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New Board Members

Brad Lindsley's Bio:

Deputy with Dane County Sheriff's Office since 1995. A training officer in the jail and on patrol for approximately 10 years. DCSO Contract Officer to the Village of Mazomanie. Former member of the DCSO Special Events Team and Tactical Response Team

Promoted to Sergeant in 2008 having worked in the jail and on patrol since that time. Shift liaison to the DCSO Jail Training Officer and the Field Training Officer programs as a supervisor.

Brenda Reinen's Bio:

Hired as a Deputy with the Dane County Sheriff's Office in 2006. Worked in security services until 2013. Was a jail training officer from 2010-2013. Worked as the Freeway Service Team deputy for a while. Worked in field services from 2013-2016, a field training officer in 2015. Promoted to sergeant in 2016 and have worked in security services since. Shift liaison to the DCSO Jail Training Officer program as a supervisor.

WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO FILL OUT EVALUATIONS TO PROVIDE NEW IDEAS FOR OUR NEXT CONFERENCE

Evaluations/Lifetime Member/FTO of the Year



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 thoroughly after the conference was completed.

The Two Evaluation Winners that were chosen and picked out of the pile of evaluation forms were: K. Parent and Marcus Anderson. You win \$25.00. Congratulations.

The 2016 Lifetime Member Award went to Tony Zielke. He currently works for the Wisconsin Resource Center. Thank you for your 10 years of dedication to our organization.

The 2016 FTO of the Year was Lee Garrels from Wood County. Lee started his career with Wood County in 1975. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1979. In 1988, Lee and another officer created their Field Training Program. He continued to run the FTO program until he retired in 2016. He trained over 50 deputies. He was a very dedicated deputy that worked 40 years at his department. Congratulations on the FTO of the Year Award and your retirement.

We are always looking for the next FTO of the Year. Please nominate someone from your agency that you feel deserves this award.

Vendors/Donations

This year's vendors were:

Ray O' Herron:

TJ Lindmeier

WFTOA received donations from the following companies:

Michels Corporation

Wisconsin Dells

Chula Vista

Ray O' Herron

Vortex Optics

DOJ—Training &

Standards Division

We want to thank our vendors that attended our conference and provided product donations to our attendees as raffles gifts.

We also want to thank the companies that provided us with monetary donations that went towards speaker fees at our conference.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VENDORS AND ALL THE COMPANIES THAT PROVIDED THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR ORGANIZATION

Raffles Winners

- ◆ 32" TV w/Blu-Ray Player: Michael Kuehn: Beaver Dam PD
- ◆ Fall Afghan: Geoffrey Graft: Outagamie Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Packer Football: Brian Hagen: Menomonie PD
- ◆ 1 Night Stay at the Chula Vista: Mike Zificsak: DOC
- ◆ 1 Night Stay at the Wilderness and a Foursome of Golf: Jeremy Wolfe: Dodge SO
- ◆ Vortex Binoculars: Michael Kuehn: Beaver Dam PD
- ◆ \$500.00 Gift Card from Ray O' Herron: Jeremy Johnson: Horizon PD
- ◆ Necklace and Ring: Marcus Anderson: Manitowoc County Sheriff
- ◆ Samsung Tablet: Tony Bastein: Wood County
- ◆ 1 Night Stay at Chula Vista w/ Foursome of Golf: Brandon Radke: Manitowoc County SO
- ◆ Fire Pit: Steve Flackey: Eau Claire County SO
- ◆ 1 Night Stay at Mount Olympus w/Clock: Steve Flackey: Eau Claire County SO
- ◆ Green Oasis Lawncare Package: Tony Lamoureux: DOC
- ◆ 40" TV: Chad Beres: Washington County SO
- ◆ Log Gables: 2 Night Stay: Dawn Herzig: Oshkosh Correctional
- ◆ Delta Grand—2 Night Stay Romantic Package w/50 minute Massage: Jay Sugden: Maple Bluff PD
- ◆ 1 Night Stay at Mount Olympus w/Thermometer: Eric Paulowski: Ashwaubenon Public Safety
- ◆ Golf Package: Rhonda Prill: Green Lake County SO
- ◆ Gas Grill: Mitch Geissler: Manitowoc SO
- ◆ Cooler w/Chairs: James Schuessler: LakeShore Technical College.

PURPOSE OF OUR ORGANIZATION

WFTOA is an educational and professional association concerned with apprenticeship training (commonly referred to as Field Training Officers concept) for patrol, communications and correctional personnel.

Educators, administrators and other criminal justice practitioners are also encouraged to participate.

The purpose 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 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. Applications of new trends in field training environments.
- G. Support of, and assistance to, the membership with problems or concerns.

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