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WFTOA NEWS

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Letter from the Executive Director

Hello to WFTOA members across the State of Wisconsin and also all others that view our website. In 2022, we had another successful training seminar at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. This year's training presented some unfortunate challenges for us. We had multiple cancellations of presenters, lower attendance, and auxiliary pieces for our training. The Board was able to meet these challenges and overcome them. We presented a great training. As in years past, the success of our seminar 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 a presentation from Chief Kent Williams on the wellbeing of officers throughout their careers and life. Attorney Kyle Guyla presented on some legal matters of a Field Training program. We had the presentation of Hometown to Lockdown of a father and son that experienced life from law enforcement to time in prison. The WFTOA board presented an overview to Field Training Programs from different agencies. I want to thank all of our speakers this year for their contributions to a great training.

As mentioned above we did have a speaker cancel that a lot of our attendees wanted to see. This was very unfortunate, and we strive to bring desired presenters to our trainings. The Board did improvise and presented the Field Training Program session. It was well received. The Board is looking to expand on this in the years to come. We want to break down different parts of the program and present them to help agencies out. We as a Board are looking forward to planning the training seminar for 2023. We reviewed the evaluations from this year. The biggest feedback we got was to incorporate more topics (break outs) and less general sessions. We are looking to provide multiple speakers on our second day in smaller time frames.

We will continue to have the buy three (3) registrations, get one (1) registration free when registered together. We will also continue to have the early registration option at a cheaper rate. Please check out www.wftoa.org for updates and also Wilenet for the 2023 training announcement.

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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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Tyler Barr

I am a 7 year veteran Police Officer with the Richland Center Police Department. I am one of the Team Leaders for the Special Response Team, along with a General and Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor. I am married with two children, Lily (age 14), and Brexten (age 2), along with an angel child, Brexten's twin brother, Declan (age at death 27 days). I enjoy outdoor activities to include taking out camper to different areas around the Midwest.

Shane Jensen

Hello I am Shane Jensen; I have worked at the Eau Claire County Jail for over 11 years. I have been a FTO for 6 years. I have also been a Porter Officer and Conduct Hearing Officer. In my free time I enjoy hunting, fishing, riding side by side and spending time with friends and family.

TJ Boisvert

Currently employed with Washington County S.O and work part-time with the Village of Newburg PD. I was employed with Cedarburg PD in the early 2000's and left to enter the private sector where I obtained two degrees in Business. I am a current FTO and D.R.E for my agency and have two daughters (Brooke – 12, and McKenna – 8) that keep me on my feet when criminals don't! I enjoy home improvements, and do landscaping on the side in the summertime.

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

Evaluations/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.

There were two evaluation winners that were chosen and picked out of the pile of evaluations forms. Denise Borchert and Jake Grosenick each won $25.00. Congratulations!

C0-FTO of the Year: Kevin Schultz and Kyle Opetz

Kevin and Kyle are Corporals with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office. Kevin and Kyle have worked together as a team over the past three years overseeing the training program.

As the department adjusted to 12-hour shifts, Kevin and Kyle used their training and expertise to rework the FTO program. Their leadership was put to the test during this time as the change not only caused logistical changes in how the program was run and monitored, but they had to lead the change by providing an example to others in maintaining a positive and professional attitude.

Both Kevin and Kyle exemplify the traits of service, leadership, ambition, spirit, and bravery.

Vendors/Donations

This year's vendors were:

Ray O' Herron

The Uniform Shoppe

Professional Firearms Services

Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Police

5.11 Tactical

WFTOA received donations from the following companies:

Michels Corporation

WI DOJ

Chula Vista

Ray O' Herron

Holz Builders

Original Wisconsin Ducks

Mt. Olympus

The Nail Box

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

Raffle Winners

- Zero Gravity Chairs: Josh Schroeder
- Zero Gravity Chairs: Alyssa Johnson
- Ziegler Wine Tasting Basket: TJ Boisvert
- Bath & Body Works w/ Ring: TJ Boisvert
- Chula Vista Stay and Festival Foods Gift Card: Dan Hess
- Chula Vista Stay and Kwik Trip Gift Cards: Greg Haemker
- Dells Basket w/ Wilderness Stay: TJ Boisvert
- Streamlight Tac Light and Flashlight: Hayey Loughrin
- Canopy: Raymond Boro
- 5.11 Rapid Sling Pack: Nicholas Garro
- 5.11 Mission Ready Document Bag: Dan Hess
- Golf Package: Jeff Small
- Bloody Mary Basket: Tyler Barr
- Jump Start Kit: Jordan Yandre
- Electric Stove w/ Heater: Jeff Small
- Fawn Creek Wine Basket: Jeff Schlichting
- Wilderness Stay w/ Kwik Trip Gift Card: Greg Haemker
- Blue Sapphire Necklace w/ Thirty-One Bag, Portfolio and Starbucks Cups: Dan Hess
- Sign Basket w/ Ring: Quintin Harris
- Bath & Body Works w/ Necklace: Mike Eron
- Mead King Wine Basket w/ Glasses and Shirts: Kim Skaleski
- Bike Helmet w/ Beer, Sunglasses, Water Bottle, & Pen: Jerrod Koenen
- Ruggid AR Case w/ Tumbler: Dan Hess
- Ducks Unlimited Serving Tray w/ Shot Glasses and Wine: Kyle Knepler
- Poker Table w/ Wine: Blake Demunck
- Tiki Patio Torch w/ Wine: Blake Demunck
- Bending Branches Canoe Paddles: Jordan Yandre
- Chair w/ Fishing Pole: Mike Rosquist
- Hudson For Basket w/ Wine: James Nozar
- Mossy Oak Bag w/ Sign: Joe Wong
- Pit Barrel Smoker: Nicholas Garro
- Camping Package: Steve Messner
- Knife Package: April Emmrich
- Jared Abbrederis Autographed Packer Helmet: Rachel Beil
- 2021 Autographed Packer Football: Jeff Small
- Braelon Allen Autographed Badger Helmet: Dan Hess
- Donald Driver Autographed Packer Football: Robert Hatch
- Rtic Cooler:: Alexa Carron
- Teel Package w/ Car Kit: Rhonda Prill
- Ray O" Herron Gun or Equipment (valued at $400): April Emmrich
- Professional Firearm Services Ruger EC9S: Jason Hundt

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

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

PURPOSE OF OUR ORGANIZATION

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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