

WFTOA NEWS

Letter from the Executive Director

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I want to take this time to thank all-of-our membership in their continued support of the WFTOA organization. This organization continues to grow and bring quality training to law enforcement trainers across the state. I also want to thank the Wisconsin Department of Justice-Training and Standards for their support through the state grant system. The Michels Corporation has also been a huge support of ours.

Each year, we strive to bring quality training to our membership and 2019 was no different. This year we heard from Thom Dworak on the “Adaptive FTO”. He presented on different approaches to the training on how things are perceived by those going through the training. Thom gave us different avenues to address and resolve issues during training.

Day 2 brought us the presentation of the Marathon County shooting incident debrief from a few years ago. It was an impactful debrief that everyone could learn from and how it affects all those that were involved. This presentation was followed up by Greg Young and “Peer Support”. Whether it is a significant event in the workplace or something smaller in your life, support from your peers can make all the difference. Greg presented materials on how to develop peer support groups and put them into action.

We wrapped up the seminar with “Liabilities in Training” from Ryan Heiden and Implementing school safety from the DOJ. I want to thank all-of our speakers this year for their time and knowledge of their respected subjects.

The board and I are actively planning next year’s training seminar. We are looking for those quality speakers for the best training for our trainers. If you have any ideas or topics you would like to see, please let us know.

New next year:

Early Registration deadline of 5/1/20 will save you \$25 on your registration fee. If your administration sends 3 registrations at the same time, they will get a 4th registration free.

We hope to see everyone at the training next year, September 16-18, 2020.

Stay safe and have a Happy New Year,
Kevin Otto—Exec. Director

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New Board Members

Tom Lemke's Bio:

I've been employed with the Door County Sheriff's Office for 22 years and currently the 3-11 Patrol Sergeant. I've been an FTO officer for many years and just took over the FTO program as our agency's FTO supervisor. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, camping, fishing, skiing, going on vacations, or just having fun together!

Jamison Davis' Bio:

I have been a police officer with the Sun Prairie Police Department for the past 6 years. I have been an FTO for two years, and I am also a member of the department's mental health response team and honor guard. Prior to joining the Sun Prairie Police De-

partment I was a police officer in Evansville and Montello, WI. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western IL University. Outside of work, I enjoy boating with my family, golfing, and cheering on the Packers.

Anthony Desjarlais' Bio:

I work for the Department of Corrections Department of Juvenile Corrections Lincoln Hills/ Copper Lake Schools. I've worked in Corrections for 4 years, 2 years as a Youth Counselor/ Officer and 2 years as a Youth Counselor Advance/ Sergeant. I currently work in the High risk program at LHS. I've been a FTO for a year but have been helping train the new employees for the last 3 years.

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. 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. Phil Sobiek and Kyle Knepler each won \$25.00. Congratulations!

FTO of the Year: Kyle Knepler

Kyle is an Officer with the Hudson Police Department. He has been an officer with two departments for over 10 years, seven of which he has been an FTO. Due

to his expertise and dedication to the FTO program, Kyle is the lead FTO. He is the first FTO new officers will train with.

Kyle has taken to this role and has excelled at it. He has assisted with reviewing FTO policy and reviewing and assisting with making upgrades to the training manuals.

Kyle is dedicated to his family and community. He often volunteers with schools and community events.

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

Advantage Police Supply

DEZ Rifles

WFTOA received donations from the following companies:

Michels Corporation

Wisconsin Dells

Chula Vista

Ray O' Herron

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

- ◆ Fryer, Scheels gift card & 1 night Wilderness stay: Kevin Otto-Eau Claire Co SO
- ◆ \$400 gift certificate for gun or equipment: Anthony Desjarlais-DOC
- ◆ Brewers Yelich & Hader auto-graphed photos: Nathan Bremmer-Crawford Co SO
- ◆ Table, tealights & horseshoes: Jeremy Miller-Washington Co SO
- ◆ 5.11 Package: Mike Van Buren-WCI
- ◆ Kay Jewelers Diamond Earrings: Jeff Skrivanek— St. Francis PD
- ◆ Kay Jewelers Diamond Ring: Dan Hess— Lake Delton PD
- ◆ Golf Package: Jeff Schlichting-WRC
- ◆ Chula Vista 1 night stay: Jeff Schlichting-WRC
- ◆ Spotlight & ear protection: Holly Tuttle-Winnebago Co SO
- ◆ Chula Vista 1 night stay: Jeremy Miller-Washington Co SO
- ◆ Game Camera & flashlight: Steve Flackey-Eau Claire Co SO
- ◆ Cooler, Scheels gift card, & 1 night Wilderness stay: Jamison Davis-Sun Prairie PD
- ◆ Vortex Crossfire Red Dot: Jeff Small-Menomonie PD
- ◆ Pizza Oven: Dan Hess: Lake Delton PD
- ◆ Eotech Halo Graphic sight: Adam Schmitz-Kohler PD
- ◆ Vortex Razor Red Dot: Kyle Knepler-Hudson PD
- ◆ Eddie Lacy Signed Jersey: Dan Hess-Lake Delton PD
- ◆ Crossfire Rifle Scope: Holly Tuttle-Winnebago Co So
- ◆ Bistro Set & Knives: Anthony Bullard-DOC
- ◆ Gas smoker: Bruce Harder-WRC
- ◆ Budweiser mirror, Brewers mug & flashlight: Tyler L'Allier-Washington Co So
- ◆ Fireplace: Dan Hess-Lake Delton PD
- ◆ Table, volleyball set & tealights: Mitch Geissler—Manitowoc PD
- ◆ Deer Stand: Cory Bergevin-Eau Claire Co SO
- ◆ Vortex Crossfire binoculars: Jason Scott: Sun Prairie PD
- ◆ Packer table & cooler: Anthony Desjarlais-DOC
- ◆ Grill: Jason Boeck-Dodge Co SO
- ◆ TV: Jason Boeck-Dodge Co SO
- ◆ Packers LED sign: Jamison Davis-Sun Prairie PD
- ◆ Dez Tactical custom barrel: Kyle Knepler-Hudson PD
- ◆ Chief Wiggum Carved Statue: Bill Makowski-Fond du Lac PD
- ◆ Bistro set & knives: Phillip Lemer-Winnebago Co SO
- ◆ Kay Jewelers Diamond Ring: Mike Lichtensteiger— Winnebago Co SO
- ◆ 2 night stay at Edge-O-Dells: Max Erickson-Prairie du Chien PD

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 corrections 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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