

WFTOA NEWS

Letter from the Executive Director

The 2017 Annual WFTOA conference reached a milestone of celebration. We celebrated our 25th Anniversary as an organization. We started this organization in 1992 and have been steadily growing over the years. We have had our struggles along the way, but have managed to be a strong supporter of training law enforcement officers in the State of Wisconsin. We want to thank all our members for the past twenty-five years for their support and we look forward to all the new faces in our future.

This year we had Chris Prochut presenting, “talk2endthestigma”. This was a huge success on discussing the importance of taking care of yourself in the law enforcement profession. Chief Steve Anderson and Capt. Bolender presented the Oak Creek Sikh shooting incident.

Lt. Robinson from Newtown, Ct. presented on the Sandy Hook school shooting and the aftermath of that incident and the new approach their agency had to take when dealing with incidents. Ray Beltz presented, “Mentoring for Law Enforcement.” We concluded the conference with a presentation from Michael Akselrud, the new director of Training and Standards. How can we forget the infamous Dave Perlmann, who was gracious enough to provide our legal update.

We moved our training area in the resort to better accommodate activities of this conference. It worked out very well for networking.

As always, we strive to bring a great training experience for the training officers in Wisconsin. We appreciate any input and support that you or your agencies can provide. We are always looking for vendor ideas for the conference. If you know anyone in your region of the state that wants to partake, please let us know.

Thank you,
Kevin Otto—Executive Director

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OFFICERS ARE
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FUTURE LAW
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New Board Members

Jacqueline Olson's Bio:

Hired as a Correctional Officer at the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office— Jail Division six years ago. She currently is a Field Training Officer. In her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities. Since she was 12 years old, she knew she wanted to work in Law Enforcement.

Cory Bergevin's Bio:

Hired as a Correctional Officer at the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office—Jail Division. He currently is a Field Training Officer.

Rob Weinfurter's Bio:

Deputy with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office. Full time law enforcement officer since 2005. Started in Fond du Lac Police Department in 2005 as a police officer and joined the Dodge County Sheriff's office in 2008 as a patrol deputy. I have been a part of the crash investigation team, drug task force and our police explorers post. I am currently a member of our SWAT team and FTO program. I'm married to my wife Connie. She is a former police officer and currently a RN. In our free time we enjoy camping, fishing, and hiking.

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.

The Two Evaluation Winners that were chosen and picked out of the pile of evaluation forms were: Cory Gladden and Erica Lemke. You win \$25.00. Congratulations.

FTO of the Year: Michael Doeden

Michael is a Deputy for Dane County Sheriff's Office. He works in the Northeast Precinct on day shift. He has 27 years of service. 19 years as an FTO and 2 years as a Jail Training Officer.

He specializes in the Dive Team, Reconstruction Team, Tracs Trainer, Radar Trainer, Crash Investigation Trainer and writes columns in the agency newsletter on computers and technology.

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:

Burn Boot Camp

Vortex Optics

5.11

Rogan Shoes

Magnum Essential Equipment

Hawke

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

- ◆ Charbroil Grill: Bill Makowski: Lifetime Board Member: Senior Advisor
- ◆ Kay Jewelers Necklace and Ring: Door County: Erica Lemke
- ◆ Kay Jewelers Necklace and Ring: Dan Hess: Lake Delton PD
- ◆ 1 Night Stay Mount Olympus w/ Wine: Jacqueline Olson: Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ 1 Night Mount Olympus w/ Wine: Dawn Herzig: Oshkosh Correctional Institution
- ◆ Party Bucket w/Moonshine: Jason Claussen: Waupaca County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Roundtable (glass) w/ Leinenkugel Umbrella w/\$50.00 Walmart Gift Card: Jacqueline Olson: Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Rectangular Table (glass) w/ \$100.00 Rogan's Gift Card: Troy Deiler: Marathon County Sheriff
- ◆ Wicker Bristo Set w/Thermacell: Steven Ruplinger: Washington County Sheriff
- ◆ Afghan w/Bag Chair: Rhonda Prill: Green Lake Sheriff's Office
- ◆ 40" Element TV: Ryan Bannerman: Wood County Sheriff
- ◆ Pizza Oven: Jeff Gruss: Moraine Park Technical College
- ◆ Fishing Package: Jason Claussen: Waupaca County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Gaming Package: Kevin Schultz: Dodge County
- ◆ Trail Cam: Jeff Small: Menomonie Police Department
- ◆ Golf Package: Jason Higley: Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Hawk Fire Rifle Scope: Tony Zielke: WRC
- ◆ Ho-Chunk VIP Suite w/2 Buffet Coupons: Mitch Geissler: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ 5.11 Backpack: Nick Wegener: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ 1 Night Stay at Chula Vista: Brian Flug: Chippewa Falls Police Department
- ◆ 1 Night Stay at the Chula Vista: Steven Ruplinger: Washington County Sheriff
- ◆ Ray O'Herron Gun or Product of same value: Tara Douglas: WRC
- ◆ TJ Watt Jersey: Ted Knoeck: Marathon County Sheriff

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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