



The Alabama Association
of
School Resource Officers

"United for Alabama's Youth"

TAASRO 2018

19th Annual "Safe Schools" Training Conference

June 4-8, 2018, Orange Beach Event Center, 4671 Wharf Parkway, AL 36561

Theme: "The Psychological, Social, and Emotional Influence on Adolescent Behavior"

As societal trends evolve, external cultural influences may seep into the hallways and classrooms of our schools. The safety of the school environment depends on awareness, prevention, and proactive measures. This year, TAASRO brings you the "hot" cultural topics that can have a negative influence on the safe school environment-- if left undetected, unaddressed, and unresolved.

- Lieutenant Brian Murphy -A "Don't miss." - It was a regular Sunday when Lt. Brian Murphy was called to respond to an active shooter at the Sikh Temple in Wisconsin. Lt. Murphy was shot multiple times and was able to distract the killer until his backup arrived. He tells his story of winning an armed encounter through mindset, preparation, and will.
- Phil Chalmers will be addressing the causes, warning signs and triggers of dangerous youth culture, including cop-killing music, violent video games, gangs, and dangerous social media and phone apps.
- Clark Flatt will discuss awareness, education, and action of youth suicide, which is currently the 2nd leading cause of death for our nation's youth ages 10-24. Each week in our nation, we lose an average of 113 young people to this national health crisis of youth suicide. Annually, we are losing more teenagers and young adults to suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza and chronic lung disease **COMBINED**.
- Lt. Brooke Walker -As technology advances, online victimization of children increases. These types of crimes have become a significant problem and require a multifaceted response. This session will address the current trends in online victimization and give law enforcement and educators examples of current social media websites and apps that children are using today. Emphasis will be placed on the warning signs of negatively impacted children, to include case examples of why immediate intervention is necessary. Rounding out the session will be a discussion on joining all available resources to provide an effective response and protect children from the dangers on the internet.
- Taylor Wesley will share 1) her story in order for the audience to understand her struggles, upbringing, and treatment, 2) provide background information about how alcoholism/addiction works, 3) provide background information about how recovery works, 4) explain what recovery has done for her in her life, and 5) explain why it is her job to continue to spread the message about mental illness in order for others to rebuild their lives.

For more information about the conference visit our website www.taasro.org and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/taasro>.

I welcome you to join TAASRO in sunny Gulf Shores, Alabama, for a week of some of the best training and education in the Southeast.