20th Annual "Safe Schools" Training Conference
June 3-7, 2019, Orange Beach Event Center, 4671 Wharf Parkway, AL 36561

Theme: Pro-Active ways to Avert School Violence

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.

- Deputy Blain Gaskill confronted and stopped an active shooter at Great Mills High School on March 20, 2018. Deputy Gaskill will share his experience and offer lessons learned during this incident.
- Professor Bernie James, Pepperdine University, is the national and international authority on school law. Learn all the new case laws and trends pertaining to SROs and the safe school environment.
- Jermaine Galloway also known as “Tall Cop” will bring the latest in youth trends with his presentation “High in Plain Sight.”
- Commander Al Mattox will provide the latest trends in explosives seen in the school environment. He will speak to bombs in schools, specifically, types of bombs to expect from students in schools and reacting to a bomb brought to school by a student. He will also address bomb threat management as follows: 1. Pre–threat planning, 2. What is a bomb? 3. What is a bomb threat? 4. What to do when you get a bomb threat? and 5. How to react to a bomb threat?
- Trisha Mellburg and Marylin Lewis will provide information on the new Annalyn’s Law and Low-risk Juvenile Sex Offenders in relation to schools.
- Randall Hillman will speak to the latest tools and solutions for use in digital investigations. This class is designed to meet the specific needs of the School Resource Officer and campus police officer. Working in a campus environment presents a unique set of challenges, many of which are magnified by digital tools in the hands of impulsive young adults. This class brings forth a look at on-campus safety and the role technology plays in intelligence assessments and criminal investigations. Attendees will be informed on the causes of school shootings and campus violence in past incidents, the evolution of school shooting in the 21st Century, the role of mobile device and computer technology in school shootings and
about the integral part Social Media plays in the communication process and how that information can be accessed and leveraged to prevent or mitigate threats.

Timothy Alexander knows what it takes to beat the odds. No matter what obstacle comes his way, he’s determined to never quit. His drive helped him become a college football player when many believed that dream was impossible due to a car accident that left him paralyzed. During Timothy’s session, he will tell his story and challenge those in attendance to live a life of residency. He is a living example of the phrase, "We don’t need it to be easy, we just need it to be possible."

TAASRO is very excited to celebrating our 20th Anniversary!!!! We will look back at where we started and how we have grown. 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.