



The Alabama Association
of
School Resource Officers

"United for Alabama's Youth"

TAASRO's 2016 17th Annual "Safe Schools" Training Conference

This year's theme is

"Facing the Aftermath: Evacuation, Reunification and Recovery"

In recent years, there have been many changes in school safety and the level of recognition to the topic. This year's conference is a blend of past ongoing challenges and current issues. Our keynote speakers vary in their presentations to bring us real life experience from multiple situations.

- John-Michael Keyes tells his story as a father to his high school daughter Emily who was taken hostage at Canyon Platte High School along with other females in her class. Emily lost her life as SWAT breached the classroom and then killed the man that had held them captive. Emily's last text from her newly gifted cell phone was "I Love U Guys." John-Michael heads the "I Love U Guys" Foundation, which is a proponent of law enforcement and our mission to keep our school kids safe. He will present his story and give tips to the evacuation, reunification and recovery process through the eyes of a father of a horrific tragedy.
- Frank DeAngelis was the principal of Columbine High School the day and years surrounding the school shooting that changed the face of school safety and the response of law enforcement across the nation. Frank will give his account of the events that transpired while offering perspective to the reactions of the aftermath of a mass violent incident on a school campus.
- Kristina Anderson is a survivor from the Virginia Tech school shooting. Kristina's story awed TAASRO last year. This time Kristina will dive deeper into the recovery phase that she and others have had to endure. Her journey and presentation will provide members ideas on the forefront to prepare for the recovery process from a survivor's view.
- James Englert was the SRO on the campus of Arapahoe High School the fateful day a student entered the library killing another student. James will speak of his actions that day, which have been acknowledged as life saving too many others. James will also render his thoughts on the response of law enforcement and his recovery.
- Rick Rainer will bring his experience as an administrator during and after an EF4 tornado ravaged Enterprise High School in 2007 killing eight students.
- Sheriff Wally Olson of Dale County, Alabama, will walk us through the abduction of an elementary student from a school bus and taken to bunker for several days.
- Ken Tork will inspire us through his interactive presentation about faith and healing from a father who lost his son to the choking game. Ken will close out the week revitalizing our motivation to return home to serve our schools and communities.

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

TAASRO's 17th annual conference is shaping up to be one for the books. 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.