



The Alabama Association
of
School Resource Officers

"United for Alabama's Youth"

TAASRO 2021

22nd Annual "Safe Schools" Training Conference

June 7-11, 2021, Orange Beach Event Center, 4671 Wharf Parkway, AL 36561

Theme: "Looking Ahead and Learning From the Past"

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.

- Jermaine Galloway also known as "Tall Cop" will bring the latest in youth trends with his presentation "High in Plain Sight."
- 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.
- Chief Tony Pustizzi (Retired)- On February 14, 2018, a former student entered Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida, killed 17 innocent people and injured another 17 students.

Chief Tony Pustizzi (Ret.), a 30-year veteran with the Coral Springs Police Department, along with members of his agency, arrived at the school within minutes. A complex law enforcement approach, including stopping the shooter and extracting victims from within the school, was initiated. He will discuss many of the issues that ensued in communication and leadership that he observed that day and the unique challenges he experienced from his perspective.

Attendees will gain an understanding of the events that occurred that day as well as in the year following this tragic event from Chief Pustizzi's unique perspective as one of the on-scene commanders.

He will review his department's response to the shooting and provide an analysis of the lessons learned. Attendees will leave with an understanding of the unique circumstances that contributed to the overall response and communication issues.

- Lauren Parker, Psys.S, NCSP "Supporting the Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs of Students." Participants will gain knowledge of practical ways to implement interventions and practices that will support students in developing a sense of physical, social, and emotional safety at school. Current topics related to equity, increased prevalence of mental health needs, and ongoing support needs will be discussed.
- Dustin Chandler ***Recognition & Evaluation of Autism Contact Training***
R.E.A.C.T. will provide attendees with the tools necessary to increase safety for both First Responder and people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
 - Learn and identify common characteristics of ASD
 - Providing tips for communicating with people with ASD
 - Discuss best scene management techniques in regards to ASD





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- Reviewing de-escalation techniques and why they are an important first option
- Understand the dangers of wandering and how to prepare for an incident
- Introducing resources available to assist First Responders beyond this training session

For more information about the conference and speakers 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 and Orange Beach, Alabama, for a week of some of the best training and education in the Southeast.

