



# The PROGRESS REPORT

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

## 2005 STATEWIDE SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING CONFERENCE

**"ACTION IS QUICKER THAN REACTION"**

**November 9, 10 & 11, 2005**

**(Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)**

**Location: 1133 Boardwalk Atlantic City, NJ 08401**

**Registration: <http://www.njasro.com/conference.html>**

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR NJEA CONVENTION.  
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You can register and secure your accommodations now by filling out the registration form inside, or following the above link to NJASRO's conference page. We've made one easy form for you to copy, fill out, and mail in with your payment. Please complete the conference registration and hotel reservation, send it in, and we will take care of the rest! The NJEA convention will be in Atlantic City the same week, so rooms will be limited. Book Now!



### OPENING CEREMONIES

**THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE  
BAGPIPES AND COLORGUARD**



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## OUR CONFIRMED GUESTS, SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

### **Michael O'Shea**

Michael O'Shea is a Program Manager for the U.S. Department of Justice assigned to the National Institute of Justice's Office of Science and Technology. Mr. O'Shea's responsibilities include managing six (6) public safety assistance (NLECTC) centers that cover the Western States, Border States, N.W. States, N.E. States, Southwest States and all Rural and Small Public Safety Agencies. Mr. O'Shea also manages the Safe Schools program in the Office of Science and Technology as well as several projects that range from officer safety issues to technology evaluations.

### **John L. More**

Dr. John L. More is President and CEO of Response Law, Inc., and is their senior legal instructor. He is a nationally acclaimed speaker with 17 years attorney experience as an insurance defense litigator. He is a recognized expert in school and public agency law. A great deal of that litigation experience involved defending schools and public agencies. He serves as a consult and negotiator to numerous school districts and police departments. Dr. More is a much sought after private trainer for school administrators and school resource officers (SRO's); an example of which is he serves as a privately contracted senior legal instructor for the Virginia Center for School Safety, Commonwealth of Virginia, which provides legal training for school and police personnel.

### **James T. Reese PhD**

As an original "Mind Hunter", as coined by Psychology Today, Dr. Reese is an FBI Agent (retired) the former Assistant Chief of the Behavioral Science criminology, abnormal psychology and profiling Unit and an adjunct faculty member with the University of Virginia for 18 years and the International Center for the Study of Criminology, Paris, France. Dr. Reese has provided expert testimony before the United States Congress on Stress, was appointed to President George Bush's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and is a decorated combat veteran.

### **Chief Michael P. Bruno**

Michael P. Bruno is a 20-year veteran of the Tenafly Police Department in Bergen County, New Jersey and is currently Chief of Police. Chief Bruno has many years experience consisting of a training background, investigations, and former SWAT team commander. He is a graduate of the West Point Command and Leadership Program and holds numerous certifications in the tactical arena. Chief Bruno has been an active member of the International Counter-Terrorism Officers Association and a frequent contributor to the Counter-Terrorism Quarterly Newsletter. (Live – Active Shooter Hands-on demonstration at Atlantic City High School, transportation provided)

### **Det. Sgt Andrew Donofrio**

Sgt. Donofrio is the supervisor of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Computer Crimes Unit. He has served as a computer forensics examiner for Bergen County since 1999 and has examined over 500 computer hard drives. He is a 17 year veteran of law enforcement. He holds an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice, and an undergraduate degree in Forensic Psychology. He teaches computer investigation and criminal justice related subjects in both undergraduate and graduate programs at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is currently enrolled at John Jay College of Criminal Justice pursuing his Masters degree in Protection Management.

**Alice Guy**

Alice Guy is a corporate educator for Atlantic Health Care Systems. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, Washington DC Chapter. Alice is a certified instructor with the NJ Police Training Commission and holds additional advanced certifications in FEMA Emergency Management, Critical Incident Stress & Threat Assessment Management. Detective Michael Goldberg is a 16 year veteran police officer with the Galloway Township PD. He received training in the Cops in School-Keeping our Kids Safe program at the National School Safety Center. Mike has also completed training at the US Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center. Det. Goldberg has presented in-service training seminars on Critical Incident Preparedness & Response and School Threat Assessment and Management.

**Duane J. Dyson, MD, FAAEM**

Dr. Dyson is the founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Violence Prevention Institute, Inc., a New Jersey based non-profit organization that provides education, research, prevention and intervention programs designed to address the increasing incidence of violent youth behavior. He is also the co-founder of the New Jersey Research Institute for Emergency Medicine and has served as Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at East Orange General Hospital. Dr. Dyson received a BA degree from Cornell University MD from the New Jersey Medical School.

## NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY FOUNDATION

### LATEST ON AGGRESSIVE & DISTRACTED DRIVING

NRSF's programs to combat distracted and drowsy driving employs both educational and technological solutions. Education programs are directed toward specific subpopulations as well as the general driving public.

## NJ SAFE HAVEN LAWS

The New Jersey Safe Haven Protection Act, Signed by Governor Whitman on July 7, 2000, took effect August 7, 2000, offers a parent a safe place to leave an unwanted infant which assures the safety of the child, permits the parent to remain anonymous, and may provide the parent with protection from prosecution.

## YOUR CONFERENCE FEE INCLUDES:

- President's reception Wednesday evening, breakfast and lunch on Thursday, breakfast on Friday.
- Discounted room rates
- Discounted conference fee for your educator if they register with you
- The opportunity to attend and network at cutting edge workshops covering current topics given by expert presenters.
- Yearly membership in NJASRO, free in-service trainings during the year, access to vendor displays, and attendance at a special event planned for Thursday evening.
- Certificate of attendance
- Exhibit hall access

### QUESTIONS?

**Regarding NJASRO specifics,** please contact SRO Williams: [mtpdsro@yahoo.com](mailto:mtpdsro@yahoo.com)

**Regarding Hotel specifics,** please contact Kris Kristie: [kkristie@espkits.com](mailto:kkristie@espkits.com) or 609-714-2222

# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

**NJASRO: November 9-11th, 2005 Resorts Hotel and Casino, Atlantic City, NJ**

**Please print, complete, and fax to: Kris Kristie, 609-714-1313 followed by a mailed hard copy with payment to:  
Kris Kristie, ESP, 4 Friends Ave, Medford, NJ 08055. All payments and forms MUST be received by: Oct. 21st.**

You will receive a confirmation e-mail within 2 days of receipt

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

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**\*Conference Fee's and Hotel Reservations are separate items**

## REGISTRATION:

Cost: \$130/Current Members or \$155/Non-Members. (includes yearly membership)

ADMINISTRATORS: Register with your SRO and pay only \$75!

Payable by Check\_\_\_\_\_, Money Order\_\_\_\_\_, Cashiers Check\_\_\_\_\_, or Purchase Order\_\_\_\_\_ to NJASRO

If paying by PO, please provide the PO number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail payment with this form to: (checks must arrive by Oct. 21st)

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Resorts, Atlantic City-Check In date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check out Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Single or Double Room?: \_\_\_\_\_ Single or Double room rate: \$105.00 + \$5/per room/per night NJ Tourism Fee

Smoking or Non: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOTEL PAYMENT:

Payable by CC\_\_\_\_\_, Check\_\_\_\_\_, Money Order\_\_\_\_\_, Cashiers Check\_\_\_\_\_, or Purchase Order\_\_\_\_\_ made out to RESORTS

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## NEWARK SCHOOL OFFICER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, ANOTHER INJURED



Officer  
Dwayne Reeves

Officer  
Akhia Scott

Two school officers were shot while investigating a dispute between two students outside of Weequahic High School in Newark, NJ on July 18. Officer Dwayne Reeves died after being shot in the head

during an exchange of gunfire with two men in a car. Another officer, Akhia Scott was treated for a gunshot wound to his hand, and is expected to make a full recovery. The shootout occurred at about 2p.m. on the sidewalk outside the high school while summer school was in session. The shooting stemmed from a fight between two

female students. One called a relative for assistance, and that person was one of the two men who confronted the officers. Four suspects have been arrested. "The New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers are deeply saddened by the senseless shooting that occurred in Weequahic High School in Newark today. Our hearts go out to the family and friends of the officers, and hope those involved will be brought to justice swiftly," said NJASRO President Officer John Morella. "New Jersey's most valuable resource is its children. This shooting illustrates that not only students, but also armed police officers are vulnerable to violence in and around our schools. We have seen improvements in safety in New Jersey's schools, but we still have a long way to go to fully protect our kids."

## NJASRO HIRES OUTREACH COORDINATOR

NJASRO is pleased to announce Robert V. Tessaro of Fort Lee has been appointed outreach coordinator. Robert will manage day-to-day marketing and public relations duties for NJASRO as well as event management and general support. He is also responsible for editing the Progress Report.

Robert is currently a graduate student at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan where he is pursuing a Master's degree in Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism. Before he began at John Jay, Robert

worked as a public relations executive with a number of New York City firms, specializing in working with not-for-profit organizations. Robert graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans where he earned a Bachelors in Media Arts. He was honored as the 2004 Tulane Young Alumni of the Year for his volunteer work with their New York City Alumni Chapter.

Robert can be reached via email at [NJASRO@gmail.com](mailto:NJASRO@gmail.com)

## LEGISLATIVE SPOTLIGHT

Each issue we will spotlight laws that will affect New Jersey SRO's.

### Law Regulates Mini Scooters: Senate Bill No. 1510

Under the provisions of this bill, it would be unlawful to operate motorized scooter upon highways, streets and sidewalks in NJ. Violators are subject to a fine of \$100-200 for first offense, and \$200-500 plus seizure of the motorized scooter for second offense. Motorized scooters include miniature motor vehicles and included pocket bikes, mini choppers, and mini motorcycles.

### N.J. Task Force to Look at School Steroid Use

Gov. Codey created a task force to look at the problem of steroid use in New Jersey high schools. The 16 member committee will study the problem and develop a policy by Dec 1. The group will consider mandatory steroid testing and enforcement.

## SAFE HAVEN LAW

### Brief history on Safe Haven

The idea of Safe Haven began as an answer to a fast growing problem of abandonment of newborns. From 1991 to 1998 infant abandonment rose 62 percent. In New Jersey, specific cases of abandonment involving teen parents prompted NJ to address this issue. As a result, NJ was the 4th state to enact a Safe Haven Law and modeled their law after Texas's Safe Haven Law. The Safe Haven Law went into full effect in August 2000. Since then, over twenty infants have been safely relinquished under the Safe Haven Law.

### What we have done so far to promote awareness of the law

The single most important aspect of the Safe Haven Law is the awareness of its existence. NJ launched one of the most comprehensive public awareness campaigns in the country. The New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect charged with the responsibility of public awareness of the Safe Haven Law implemented a wide reaching media campaign. The media outlets range from cable, radio, railway, internal and external bus signs, to mall kiosk advertisements. A Safe Haven hotline number was also established (1-877-839-2339). Trained hotline workers are available to answer questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Safe Haven began an Outreach Program that is made possible through mini-grants. Most recipients of the mini grant incorporate workshops, presentations, resource fairs and/or street outreach that canvass a residential community with

Safe Haven informational materials such as brochures, posters, volunteer kits, etc. into their outreach campaigns.

### How teachers, school administrators, school resource officers and students can get involved

If you're a teacher, school administrator, student, or school resource officer you can get involved with Safe Haven as well, and help promote awareness of this law. NJ Safe Haven new website, [www.NJSafeHaven.org](http://www.NJSafeHaven.org), contains Downloads & Links. Downloadable advertisements, brochures, pocket cards, posters and stuffers can be printed and utilized to create informational kits. Ads can be placed in newsletter or community newspaper as a PSA. In addition, volunteer kits are available that contain additional information and materials to help promote public awareness of the law. A kit can be obtained by completing an order form available on the website. Most of the Safe Haven materials are available in English and Spanish. All materials are free of charge.

### Resource and contact information for those interested in learning more

Being informed about the law and its protocols means you are equipped with knowledge that may help someone you know learn about their options if faced with an unwanted pregnancy.

If you would like more information on the New Jersey Safe Haven Protection Act you can call the Safe Haven Hotline at 1-877-839-2339, or call the NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect at 609-292-0888.

## AMERICAN RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES SUPPORTS NJASRO

In order to maintain and expand our services and achieve our goal of eliminating drugs and violence from our schools, SROs must continually seek support from individuals' corporations and other organizations. American Recycling Technologies (ART), Inc., is one such company, providing both significant financial support and

reinforcing the SRO message and logo on recycling containers throughout New Jersey. For each recycling bin that you arrange for ART to place in your community, you will receive up to \$700 per year to support your local youth and SRO programs.

ART is a highly regarded professional recycling enterprise and a strong supporter of the New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers. Since the inception of the NJASRO recycling initiative with ART in 2002, the company has proven time and time again to be well managed, responsible to community need, demonstrating the highest quality of service, delivered by conscientious and diligent personnel. Additionally, ART provides

documentation needed by localities to maximize their participation in Federal recycling initiatives and comply with related mandates. NJASRO encourages all our members to meet with representatives of ART to discuss their services further.

For information on how your town can host your own recycling effort, please call (888) 243-3273.

## READER'S QUESTIONS

Each issue the Progress Report will publish a reader's question with an answer from a leading expert. To submit a question for consideration, please email it to [NJASRO@gmail.com](mailto:NJASRO@gmail.com)

**Q.** Det. Tim Gerrity of Saddle River asks: "What should I do if a school administration official informs me they suspect the school's computer network has been hacked?"

**A:** **Det./Sgt. Andrew W. Donofrio, Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, Computer Crimes Unit responds:**

### Computer Crimes Unit responds:

Unfortunately this type of case is becoming more and more commonplace, not only with schools but with corporations as well. This type of case presents unique challenges for law enforcement because a computer intrusion ("hacking") case is full of technical hurdles that must be overcome in order to investigate. Many police officers that have had training in responding to electronic crime scenes were taught to merely "pull the plug." With rapid changes in technology and the way it is used to perpetrate crime - this hard and fast rule can't always be applied. A computer intrusion is one of those circumstances where "pulling the plug" is ill advised. Cases that involve evidence in what is termed "volatile memory" are particularly challenging from a forensic standpoint. Random Access Memory (RAM) is an example of volatile memory and extremely important to document in computer intrusion cases. If one pulls the plug of the affected systems, anything of evidentiary value that existed in Ram is permanently and irrevocably lost. Furthermore if the intrusion is active (in progress) then there is data on the network lines that needs to be captured. Therefore initial actions should include the following:

1. Ascertain and document the symptoms: The school reported that the system was "hacked." What did they mean by this? Who discovered the computer intrusion? What symptoms did the network display?
2. Speak with the Computer Administrator and try to ascertain if he/she has identified the affected systems.
3. Secure all affected systems and if possible, don't let anyone lay a finger on them.
4. Call your local computer crimes unit for help. This case requires an expert in the field. If it has any chance of being documented and investigated properly, a computer forensic expert should be brought in as soon as possible. You might want to consider this step first.

Days of merely pulling a plug for every crime involving a computer, are "days gone by." There are times where evidence will exist in volatile memory. A computer intrusion, a live chat conversation, and cases of encryption, serve as a few examples of this scenario. Anytime evidence exists in the volatile memory of a live computer, a computer forensic expert should be consulted as soon as possible.



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## NJASRO PARTNERS WITH THE NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY FOUNDATION

NJASRO is pleased to announce that New Jersey will be the first state in the country to roll out the National Road Safety Foundation's (NRSF) new classroom curriculum for teenager driving safety "Almost Home: Profile on Drowsy Driving." NRSF is a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing accidents, deaths, and disability on our nation's highways by promoting safe driving habits through greater public awareness.

1st Vice President Sgt. Patrick Kissane and NJASRO educational consultant Dr. Elizabeth Holley, met with Adele Kristiansson, NRSF Director of Marketing and Legislative Affairs to develop an effective curriculum for use in NJ schools. In cd-rom or vhs

format, the "Almost Home" curriculum includes four true drowsy driving stories, (including New Jersey's "Maggie's Law,") a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, and discussion guide with classroom and homework activities. Ways to use "Almost Home" will be demonstrated at the NJASRO Annual Conference Nov 9-11. All attendees will receive a free copy.

"The resources that NRSF has provided to NJASRO will make it easier to teach road safety in the classroom." said Sgt. Kissane

For information on how to get a copy of the curriculum contact: Adele Kristiansson, The National Road Safety Foundation at [akristi@optonline.net](mailto:akristi@optonline.net).

## SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit an article, have a story idea, or are interested in advertising in the Progress Report, please email Robert Tessaro at [njasro@gmail.com](mailto:njasro@gmail.com).

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