

2024 SAFE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE SESSION RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

Great Crossing High School, Georgetown, KY
June 11-12

Hosted by





Tuesday, June 11

8:40 – 11 a.m.

KEYNOTE SESSION: “High in Plain Sight: Current Drug Trends. You can’t stop what you don’t know.” (Auditorium)

Jermaine Galloway, Tall Cop

High in Plain Sight covers such topics as drug trends, legal drug detection, concealment and paraphernalia, E-cigarettes/vape pens and other current trends with students. The presenter will also examine the relationship between drugs, alcohol and violence. This Tall Cop session will also educate attendees on how to speak “the drug language” about various alcohol and drug topics.

Session Resources and Materials:

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Tuesday, June 11

1 – 2:30 p.m.

KEYNOTE: “Leadership and Response to a Tragedy – Considerations” (Auditorium)

Patricia Greer, Kentucky Center for School Safety

After the unlikely attack on Marshall County High School – 23 days into 2018 – it absolutely required an entire community to come together to begin the process of healing. As Patricia Greer (principal) will tell you, it can happen anywhere. The presenter will share some painful and insightful suggestions for consideration of actions to take during the days following an unlikely event, such as what happened in Marshall County and so many other places over the years. Never have we heard a school leader, following one of these events, say, “We saw this and knew it was coming.” These difficult conversations can help you prepare your school/ school district if you face similar decisions.

Session Resources and Materials:

- [Leadership and Response to a Tragedy - Considerations](#)





Tuesday, June 11

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Update from Office of State School Security Marshal (Auditorium)

Ben Wilcox, Office of State School Security Marshal

This session will cover an overview of the 2023-2024 risk assessments completed by OSSSM. It will also cover any new legislation that concerns school safety and security. The presenters will cover any new initiatives or concerns for the SROs and school administrators before starting the 2024-2025 school year.

Session Resources and Materials:

- [24-25 Risk Assessment Document](#)





Wednesday, June 12

8 – 9:30 a.m.

KEYNOTE SESSION: “Perspectives in Prevention” (Auditorium)

Molly Hudgens, Counselor, Sycamore Middle School

Michele Gay, Co-Founder, Safe and Sound Schools

Two school tragedies, two different outcomes. Join Michele Gay, Sandy Hook mother, and Molly Hudgens, Sycamore Middle School Counselor, as they contrast their experiences and share the lessons in violence prevention that they have learned along the way.

Session Resources and Materials:

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Wednesday, June 12

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

General Session #1: Q and A Session with KCSS Staff and Partners (Auditorium)

Jon Akers, Kentucky Center for School Safety (Executive Director)

Accompanied by: Dan Orman (KSBA/KCSS Training Coordinator), Ben Wilcox (State School Security Marshal) and Bill Rudie (School Resource Officer and KYASRO President)

This session will be held in an open discussion format. This panel discussion will answer questions from the audience related to school safety topics.

Session Resources and Materials:

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Wednesday, June 12

11 a.m. – Noon

General Session #2: “Event Security: Planning to Execution” (Auditorium)

James Stephens, owner, SafeTsources

This program will outline the basic process of pre-event planning as well as how to implement a more effective event safety/security program.

Session Resources and Materials:

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Wednesday, June 12

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

General Session #3: “Hot Topics and Horseshoes” (Auditorium)

Wayne Young, Kentucky Association of School Administrators

This session will be a fast-paced overview of trending legal topics and a look into the crystal ball of what might be on the horizon in the school safety arena. It will include a look at new legislation, court cases and other recent developments around the country.

Session Resources and Materials:

- [Hot Topics and Horseshoes](#)





Wednesday, June 12

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Gang Update (Choir Room)

Lieutenant Antoine Sims and Sergeant Chris Gatewood, Fayette County Public Schools

In this session, presenters will give a brief look into youth gangs within public schools and their outside sources of influence. They will discuss the various types of gang activity and prevention measures.

Session Resources and Materials:

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Wednesday, June 12

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Topics for School Based Law Enforcement Agencies – When a School District is Your Employer (Cafeteria)

Tracy Day, Fayette County Public Schools Police Department

The session will be a focus on topics for school-based law enforcement agencies when a school district is your employer. The presenters will have a guided discussion as well as an opportunity for open conversation. Guided topics will include, but not limited to, jurisdictional considerations, policy and training beyond the mandated SRO classes and any questions you may have.

Session Resources and Materials:

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Wednesday, June 12

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

SRO Training Update (Library/Media Room)

Ben Wilcox, State School Security Marshal, Office of the State School Security Marshal

This session will cover changes being made to the mandated SRO certification training. It will also discuss training locations and new ideas for SRO training in the future.

Session Resources and Materials:

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Wednesday, June 12

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Threat Assessment – We Are All on Duty (Band Room)

Michelle Gillon and Lori Downs, Barren County Schools

With repeated acts of mass violence occurring, safety is a topic that is on everyone's radar. What do we need to do to keep everyone safe? What signs do we need to recognize and what possible pitfalls do we need to avoid? It will take ALL of us to take care of one another. We must be vigilant, we must know and recognize the warning signs, we must build relationships. We Are All On Duty.

Session Resources and Materials:

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Wednesday, June 12

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

SRO and School Administrator Roundtable (Room 115)

Facilitated by Bill Rudie, KYASRO President, and KYASRO Board Members

So what can we do together? School safety is on everyone's mind today. It is no longer just a law enforcement or school issue. It is now a state and national issue requiring teamwork and cooperation among the law enforcement community and school administrators. In this session, SROs and school administrators will have an open conversation about how to build and maintain healthy relationships in the school environment that focus on school safety.

Session Resources and Materials:

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Helping Helpers Help: Addressing Student Success, Absenteeism and Schools Climate with Youth Mental Health Resources for Faculty and Families (Auditorium)

Sarah Walsh and Michelle Bartsch, Cook Center For Human Connection

The Cook Center for Human Connection provides no-cost tools to help parents find answers to help their children, including Parentguidance.org and My Life Is Worth Living™, the first animated series about teen mental health and suicide prevention. Youth mental health is a national crisis, and we believe helping young people feel a sense of human connection is essential to showing them their lives truly are worth living. We will share how you can access and utilize these resources with your schools, districts, families and children to strengthen mental health, prevent suicide, combat chronic absenteeism and keep our kids safe.

Session Resources and Materials:

- [Kentucky Chronic Absenteeism Paper](#)
- [ParentGuidance.org Tri-Fold Brochure](#)
- [Kentucky Commissioner KYDOE Chronic Absenteeism Article](#)

