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# WSSCA Newsletter

The "news you can use" periodical for Wisconsin's school safety and security professionals

## Jeremiah Johnson

### WASBO's 2016 Facilities Manager of the Year

### Award Received May 27, 2016

Let's start the July newsletter with good news. We've known since April that WSSCA Board Member and Leader Jeremiah Johnson was nominated for this prestigious award. On May 27, 2016 WASBO awarded him with the honor of Facilities Manager of the Year.

Congratulations once again, Jeremiah. You join a distinguished list of individuals including many fellow WSSCA "Heavy Hitters" on the roles of WASBO's Facilities Manager of the Year. - Ed



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## **Bob Severson and Jeff Siegman - WSSCA Legends**

### **Thank you for all Your Years of Service**

It is with sadness that I must report that IT Director, Bob Severson and Executive Board Secretary, Jeff Siegman have decided to end their time as Officers of WSSCA.

Bob, "Dotcom," as he was known to many, has contributed in many varied and significant ways to WSSCA and to the State of Wisconsin in his several roles as a Facilities Manager, WSSCA Board Member, WSAT Evaluator, and as our organization's IT Director.

Jeff, current Manager of Building and Grounds in South Milwaukee has been serving as our organization's Secretary superbly with the current and past presidents.

Bob said the following in his letter of resignation he tendered to President Meyer and myself:

*"I am grateful and proud for having had the opportunity from becoming a member, to serve on the board of directors for 6 years, and then becoming the IT Director of WSSCA. To be a part of an organization that has accomplished so much to improve the safety and security for our schools, and to be able to work with and alongside some of the most dedicated people along the way. It is hard for me to put into words on what it has meant to me to be a part of the WSSCA team and the opportunities that it gave me.*

*However it is time for me to slow down the work load and concentrate on other areas of my work life and most important, concentrate on my family life. It is time to enjoy more free time with my wife along with all of the things a grandpa of seven can do without having to go to the chiropractor more than once a week, and who knows maybe not on a computer or a tablet so much."*

Jeff offered the following comments in his note to President Meyer:

IT Director  
Stacy Washington  
Green Bay

Executive Director  
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*"I have pondered this for quite some time and now have come to a decision. I have decided that I will no longer be available to fulfill my Secretary responsibilities. I have found that I have some professional obligations that need my attention and WSSCA is not fitting in to that at this point. I truly appreciate the association and all that it does for safety. I have been honored to contribute my professional experience to a well-known, respected association. As of June 15th 2016 I am removing myself from the association. I wish you all good luck in the future. Please note: This is a life / professional decision, nothing more."*

Thank you very much for all you have done for WSSCA,

Bob and Jeff. You are going to be missed.

## **Stacy Washington**

### **WSSCA'S New IT Director**

Every dark cloud has a silver lining, so it is said. Bob's decision to move on is definitely a dark cloud, and I am very pleased to say that a silver lining appeared to the benefit of WSSCA.

Stacy Washington of Green Bay has agreed to take on the responsibilities of IT Director for WSSCA effective June 15, 2016. Stacy has an impressive background in Information Technology as a project leader, website manager, eLearning Specialist and Developer, and training coordinator.

Welcome to WSSCA Stacy. We are fortunate to have you on board!

*(Stacy has already hit the ground running and set up a "Peer-to-Peer" forum on our Members Only Website. Members have received an email with an attachment describing how to utilize the forum.)*



## Orlando, Florida

### Yet Another Atrocity

One week ago from this writing, the nation was hit in the guts by another horrible, senseless, mass murder. As survivors and the loved ones of victims are agonizing with the awful reality of what occurred, we see politicians and opinion leaders of every stripe using this heartbreaking catastrophe in ways that span everything from respectful sorrow to unashamed political bias.

I am not going to take up much time or space addressing this latest mass shooting: what can be said that hasn't already been said thousands of times? While on one hand it is becoming mind-numbing, on the other hand it still hits us all hard. It can and does happen anywhere and anytime.

Be safe, be well.



## Red Cross Offers Safety Tips for July 4th Holiday

*Posted June 25, 2013. Lansing, MI*

It's time for Fourth of July celebrations – fireworks, a backyard barbecue, maybe a trip to the beach. Whatever people have planned, the American Red Cross wants them to enjoy their holiday and has steps they can follow to be safe.

**FIREWORKS SAFETY** The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public fireworks show put on by professionals. Stay at least 500 feet away from the show. Many states outlaw most fireworks. If someone is setting fireworks off at home, they should follow these safety steps:

- Never give fireworks to small children, and always follow the instructions on the

packaging.

- Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution.
- Make sure the person lighting fireworks always wears eye protection.
- Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight "a dud."
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.
- Never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.
- Leave any area immediately where untrained amateurs are using fireworks.

**BEACH SAFETY** If someone's visit to the shore includes swimming in the ocean, they should learn how to swim in the surf and only swim at a life guarded beach, within the designated swimming area. Obey all instructions and orders from lifeguards. Other safety tips include:

- Keep alert for local weather conditions. Check to see if any warning signs or flags are posted.
- Swim sober and always swim with a buddy.
- Have young children and inexperienced swimmers wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Protect the neck – don't dive head first. Walk carefully into open waters.
- Keep a close eye and constant attention on children and adults while at the beach. Wave action can cause someone to lose their footing, even in shallow water.
- Watch out for aquatic life. Water plants and animals may be dangerous. Avoid patches of plants and leave animals alone.

Additional watersafety tips are available at [redcross.org/watersafetytips](https://www.redcross.org/watersafetytips)

**SUN PROTECTION** Limit exposure to direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15. Reapply sunscreen often.

Remember to drink plenty of water regularly, even if not thirsty. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them. Protect the eyes by wearing sunglasses that will absorb 100 percent of UV sunlight. Protect the feet - the sand can burn them and glass and other sharp objects can cut them.

During hot weather, watch for signs of heat stroke - hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing. If it's suspected someone is suffering from heat stroke:

- Call 9-1-1 and move the person to a cooler place.
- Quickly cool the body by applying cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin (or misting it with water) and fanning the person.

Watch for signs of breathing problems and make sure the airway is clear. Keep the person lying down.



## Quotes of the Month

"He who cannot put his thoughts on ice should not enter into the heat of dispute."

- Friedrich Nietzsche, 1878

"Better a thousand times careful than once dead."

- *Unknown*

## Borrowed Humor

"Luckily my company has a "Zero Harm Policy," so I don't have to worry about safety as much as others do."

- *Supervisor from a Tier 1 organization*

As a group of soldiers stood in formation at an Army Base the Drill Sergeant said, "All right! All you idiots fall out." As the rest of the squad wandered away one soldier remained at attention. The Drill Instructor walked over until he was eye to eye with him and then raised a single eyebrow. The soldier smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh sir?"

## School Safety Certification

### Course Schedule

2016-2017

MODULES	COURSE TITLES	DATES (S)
3 & 8	Environmental Health/Safety Compliance School Threats and Vulnerability	Oct 26, 2016
4&9	Health and Safety Compliance Part C Post Incident Recovery and Planning	March 6-7, 2017
RE-Cert Refresher	Recertification and Refresher Electives To Be Determined	March 6-7, 2017
5 & 10	Sound Risk Management Practices Emergency Response Practicum	April 2017
1 & 6	Health and Safety Compliance Part A General Aspects of Crisis Management	Oct 2017



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