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WSSCA Newsletter

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

50th Anniversary Conference

A Huge Success!

The 2018 WSSCA Conference is in the books, and it truly was one for the books. As you know, through the generosity of our long-time friend and sponsor, Dave Trudeau of Tru-Armor, we were privileged to have Lt. Colonel David Grossman with us for the entire first day.

Colonel Grossman's presentation was thoroughly engaging, at times controversial, and definitely thought-provoking. One comment I hear multiple times was that even though it was a full day with one speaker, you didn't see people checking out, surfing the net on their phones, or falling asleep. Considering the fact that our membership and vendor group is primarily folks who don't tolerate their time being wasted, that says something.

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Pictured: Lt. Col. Dave Grossman

2018 School Safety Coordinator of the Year

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Pictured: Mike Hinske and Jodi Traas

The award is presented annually to a WSSCA member committed to vision, leadership and excellence in the field of school safety in the State of Wisconsin. The award was presented by WSSCA Advisor and Past President, Jodi Traas.

Excerpts from Mike's nomination clearly show why he was selected to receive this award:

Mike has been the School Safety Coordinator at Big Foot Union High School (BFHS) since 1996. He has created every policy and procedure for BFHS since that time as well as remodeled various areas of the building to make it safer. He is a "student" of school safety and shares his knowledge with anyone who wants in the name of safe schools for kids. He is a leader in our community, county and the state. Mike works closely with Walworth County and our local Walworth police department to ensure changes and techniques in school safety are the most current in the field

As a facilitator and trainer, he continues to grow professionally and pass that knowledge on to others. He is currently on a drug task force in Walworth County and bringing that program to BFHS as a pilot. Mike's goals of safety for kids and schools has

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no boundaries. He understands that students who are socially and emotionally well creates safe schools. He genuinely wants to have the best culture possible which includes safe buildings

Congratulations Mike on this achievement! We appreciate you for your dedication and commitment to school safety and to passing your knowledge on to others. Thank you for everything you have contributed to WSSCA and our members over the years.

WSSCA's 2018 Board of Directors

Thank you to the 2018 Board of Directors and Advisors. Your leadership and guidance have helped to sustain WSSCA into its 51st year of keeping schools safe and secure.



Pictured left to right top: Dave Young, Pat Finnemore, Jeremiah Johnson, Tim Gorecki, Lowell Fromm, Al Behnke, Jodi Traas, Scott Johnson, Melissa Nettesheim

Pictured left to right bottom: Gary Rosplach, Jim Jozwiakowski, Brian Koffarnus, Ed Dorff, John Stangler

**Welcome to WSSCA's Newly Elected Board
Members**



Pictured left to right: Pat Finnemore, Lowell Fromm, Al Behnke

**WSSCA's/DPI School Safety Coordinator
Certification Course Graduates - Class of 2018**



Listed in alphabetical order: Graduates, Pat Birkett, Derek Diehl, Joe Harvey, Gage Johnson, Scott Johnson, Tammy Marty, Jay Navone, Larry Messer, Neal Reible, Patrick Ruddy, Larry Savage

Also pictured: Tony Evers, Ed Dorff, Jim Jozwiakowski and Brian Koffarnus

Passing the Gavel - Letter from our 2018 President



Pictured left to right: Jim Jozwiakowski and Brian Koffarnus

Dear WSSCA Membership,

As we enter our 50th year, it is a great honor to begin my term as president of the Wisconsin School Safety Coordinators Association. Founded in 1968, WSSCA has grown from a small group of dedicated safety personnel into an outstanding organization committed to making our schools a safer place to learn, play, teach, work and visit. I look forward to helping WSSCA continue this effort.

As evidenced by recent events, the role of a School Safety Coordinator in our schools continues to become more difficult every year. Not only are we responsible for promoting a culture of safety in our buildings, but we need to continue to work diligently to keep our schools as secure as possible to help prevent tragedies. A successful safety and security program requires a wide breadth of knowledge and expertise that comes from networking with other professionals, learning from our past mistakes and most importantly having a willingness to embrace new challenges with new ideas. It is also imperative that we find ways to communicate what we have learned and encourage others in our workplace to become part of the team to make our Schools safer.

As Vice President of Environmental Management Consulting, Inc. (EMC), I have been actively involved in many different aspects of school safety. Over the past 30

years, with the assistance of our staff, EMC has been able to help Wisconsin schools develop and implement safety programs, train and educate school staff members and manage a wide array of environmental concerns within their buildings. As a WSSCA Board member for the last several years, I have been privileged to work with a team of exceptional people dedicated to helping others succeed in school safety.

I would like to thank our outgoing president, Brian Koffarnus, for guiding WSSCA over the last year and helping us to continue to promote our message. With the expert guidance of our Executive Director Ed Dorff, IT Director Stacy Washington and the rest of the Board, we have been able to continue to provide our members with the training, education and resources to help keep our schools safe. I would also like to thank our corporate sponsors and vendors in supporting the efforts of the board, all the individuals that volunteer their time to teach our certification modules and the Board Advisors for their valuable knowledge. Please take the time to thank them for their support.

I am looking forward to work with WSSCA members on the Board's initiatives for 2018. This will include promoting organizational awareness of mental health issues and the role WSSCA members play in addressing these matters in our schools and secondly, focusing on educational efforts on common sources on injuries in our schools. We will also continue to develop and deliver professional development opportunities for WSSCA members through recertification courses and online training. I hope that through the strength of the organization we will achieve our goals.

As a final reminder, WSSCA is only as strong as its members, so please feel free to share any and all ideas that will help advance our mission. Make it a Great and Safe Year!



Jim Jozwiakowski

2018 WSSCA President

A Few Goodbyes (Not Really!)

We are grateful to outgoing Board Members Norm Davis and Joe Harvey, as well as outgoing Past-President Pat Meyer. Although your official term has

ended, we have it on good authority that WSSCA will not let you go away easily. Thanks for your service guys!



Norm Davis and Brian Koffarnus

*Joe Harvey and Brian Koffarnus
Meyer and Brian Koffarnus*

Pat

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Thank you to all the participants, vendors, and sponsors of the 50th
Annual WSSCA Conference and Expo. Mark your calendar now and
plan to come to the
WSSCA School Safety/Security Conference on March 6-7, 2019!



Quotes of the Month

“To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.” —
Eleanor Roosevelt

“Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.” - Mark Twain

Borrowed Humor

MARCH MADNESS



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Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

2017 Course Schedule

Modules	Course Titles	Dates	Location
3 & 8	Environmental, Safety & Health Compliance and School Threat & Vulnerability Assessment	April 25, 2018	Madison, WI
4 & 8	Playground Maintenance and Supervision, Bloodborne Pathogens, Ergonomics, Safety codes regarding drills, fire extinguishers and evacuations & School Threat and Vulnerability Assessment	October 2018	Madison, WI
5 & 9	Sound Risk Management Practices & School Post Incident Recovery and Planning	February 2019	Wisconsin Dells, WI
6 & 10	General Aspects of Crisis and Emergency Management for Schools & Putting it all together, Emergency Response Table Top and Exercise Practicum	April 2019	Madison, WI

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