

2011 SCHOOL POLICING CONFERENCE ASROA / ADOA PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

The 2011 School-Based Policing Conference in Prescott, Arizona was a resounding success! Thanks to all those that attended and instructed, important information was disseminated among the people that will have a direct impact on the children of Arizona. We look forward to providing additional training opportunities throughout the year.



As for this year's conference, it started off with a bang or a whole bunch of them with the family bowling night. Plaza Bowl hosted 63 bowlers of all ages and skill levels. Our top performers for the night were Bill Wilson (Phoenix PD) Men's division with the high game of 172, Nicole Thames in the Women's division with a high game of 165, and Austin Burns in the Under 18 division with a high game of 81. The night was full of high fives and shouts of joy at all the amazing strikes and spares.



ur opening ceremonies were highlighted by the Prescott Honor Guard posting the colors of our great nation and state. After the introductions and raffle explanation, we were given great insight into the mind of children by our motivational speaker, Calvin Terrell. His fast paced informational program was considered the highlight of the conference by several attendees.



The afternoon session of Tuesday, all day Wednesday, and the morning of Thursday were filled with excellent guest speakers providing workshops to help us in our quest to help keeps kids safe in our schools.



Our speakers came from as far away as Connecticut and included representatives from the FBI, Community Bridges, Chandler Police Department, Scottsdale Police Department, Scottsdale Youth

& Family Services, Scottsdale Unified School District, WeTip, HIDTA (National Meth & Pharmaceutical Initiative) and Changing Behaviors. We received up to date information on gangs, drug trends, threat assessments, school shooter scenarios, teen issues, internet crimes and more.



Contact Rob Katzaroff for copies of the presentations.



We had our sixth annual Charity Poker Tournament on Tuesday night where we raised over \$200 for the Arizona 100 Club. The winner was Rob Kataroff and the first to be eliminated was Kevin Quinn (Sorry Kev, had to put that out there). The Wednesday night entertainer, Ken Kaz, kept us rolling on the floor laughing (LOL, ROFL, LMAO, etc) with his timely quips on day to day life issues. This followed the awards ceremony where prestigious honors were given to school resource officers of the year and the safe school leadership award. The Co-School Resource Officers of the year for 2011 are Dan Horetski and Shawn Benjamin from Oro Valley PD and our Safe Schools Leadership award for 2011 was presented to Danny Howe from Camp Verde Middle School.



Kevin Quinn leaves us after seven years of being the President of ASROA to become the President of NASRO starting in June of 2012. Good luck to you Kevin and thanks for the years of leadership.

Check the website soon for more pictures from the 2011 conference.

