

# The Florida Association of School Resource Officers

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Hello and welcome to our website. I am honored and humbled to serve as President of the Florida Association of School Resource Officers. FASRO is the nation's oldest and premier organization for school-based policing initiatives and training.

We are working diligently with the Florida Sheriffs Association and the School Safety Advocacy Council to provide localized training to school resource officers, school staff and administrators, and the newly created Guardians and School Safety Specialists. Although we are treading on new territory where the triad of service to our youth is shifting to be more heavily focused on safety and security, we remain confident that building relationships with our youth at a young age and throughout their adolescent years will have a tremendously positive impact on the next generation.

During our 2018 conference, we were privileged to have Florida Governor Rick Scott, the Florida Executive Director of Safe Schools Damien Kelly, Florida Sheriffs Association Executive Director Steve Casey, Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter, Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergraft, Lafayette County Sheriff Brian Lamb, Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell, Marion County Sheriff Billy Woods and Lake County Sheriff Peyton C. Grinnell in attendance. As the organization continues to grow, we expect that more executives and policy makers will show a heightened interest in the training we provide.

We are actively planning for our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference to be held July 7-12, 2019 in Doral, Florida. We fully expect to have more than 1,000 attendees at our conference and are confident that everyone's experience will far exceed their expectations.

Respectfully,

Michael Marden  
President