

President's Message

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Hello fellow F.D.O.A. members and welcome to October. Time sure fly's when you're having fun! Before we know it the Holidays will be upon us. I know you have all been busy getting this new school year off the ground but by now I'm sure you are pretty much settled in.

As a reminder, the F.D.L.E. D.A.R.E. training will held this month, October 5th to October 16th. The training is held at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Training Center in Havana Florida. If you want more information, go to the FDLE website, www.fdle.state.fl.us Good Luck to all who attend!

The Lake County Sheriff's Office DARE unit hosted a bowling tournament to benefit FDOA. The Tournament was held on October 3rd in Lake County. I attended the event and I will say that I was very impressed with the amount of community support the event received. "KUDOS" to Terry Allen and Fred Jones for putting on this successful event. Sheriff Gary Boarders even bowled in the tournament! I encourage you to support events like this as it really get's the "DARE" name out to the communities. I also encourage you to put on fundraisers for your DARE programs and FDOA, as these are the things that keep DARE alive in our state.

I spoke to DARE Representative John Lindsay about the Miami Dade DARE program. They were going through tough economic times down there and the DARE program was in jeopardy. John contacted me and said that after a lot of hard work, the program had been saved. That was great news. Congratulations to them and good work John!!

The next F.D.O.A. meeting will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2009. We always encourage all F.D.O.A. members to attend. The meeting will be at 10:00am at the Daytona Beach Police Dept., 129 Valor Blvd. Daytona Beach. All members are invited. We will be talking about our conference in June 2010 as well as other important matters. Hope to see a lot of you there.

The F.D.O.A. Training Conference will be held in June of 2010 in beautiful Marco Island. This conference is a Law Enforcement conference opened to all L.E.O's throughout our state. Please don't feel that if you are not in DARE that you can't attend. As long as you are a Law Enforcement Officer, you are welcomed to attend. We are planning some good training classes. If you have any recommendations for any specific training classes that you would like to have at our conference, let me know. You can contact me at Deputysal@aol.com or call me at 772-528-0568

If you are DARE certified but not a member of F.D.O.A. and you are visiting this website, we welcome you and we encourage you to become members of FDOA. This is a wonderful organization with great people, high goals and a dedication to the children of the State of Florida. Please contact me about becoming a member.

Remember that you are the first line of defense when it comes to the future of our kids. Thanks for the job you all do. I appreciate you all! Please stay safe and God Bless SAL