

Who Should Attend?

Police Officers, D.A.R.E. Officers,
School Resource Officers, Social
Workers, Counselors, School
Professionals, Judges, Prosecutors,
Medical Professionals and Anyone
interested in helping the Youth of
Today.

Ohio Police Juvenile Officers

Association Preamble

We, the members of the Ohio Police
Juvenile Officers' Association bind
ourselves together under Divine
guidance to establish this constitution
for the betterment of humanity through
united action and the fostering of the
best practices and procedures in the
handling of juveniles and those
committing offenses against them.

The OPJOA was founded in 1961 in
Columbus, Ohio with the goal of
bringing together officers throughout
the State of Ohio to improve the
techniques of handling and counseling
youths involved in law violations and
the parents of such youths. The
statewide organization was to be the
means of fostering study and
exchanging of ideas and methods used
in dealing with youth offenders. Over
the years, the OPJOA has become open
to persons interested in the field of
handling youth and who subscribe to
the purposes and objectives of the
organization.

Training will be held at
**Ohio University Inn &
Conference Center**
331 Richland Ave.
Athens, Ohio 45701

\$645 Complete with Meals and
Lodging

\$375 Conference Only
(Meals Included)
No Lodging

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www.opjoa.com

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**It's All About Youth –
Including School Safety**



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August 5 - August 8,
2025

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45701



2025 OHIO POLICE JUVENILE OFFICERS CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

10:30am -12:30pm	Check In & Registration
12:30pm - 1:00pm	Opening Ceremonies
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Intro to The School Safety Center by Ohio School Safety Center by: Blaze Amos
2:00pm - 5:00pm	Threat Evaluation & Reporting Overview by Ohio School Safety Center by: Carlie Hangartner
5:30pm	Dinner provided.
6:30pm	Corn Hole Tournament

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast provided.
9:00am - 12:00pm	Juvenile Law Updates & Juvenile Arrest/Search & Seizure by: Robert Meader
12:00pm -1:00pm	Lunch provided.
1:00pm - 3:00pm	After School Event Action Plan by Ohio School Safety Center by: Joe Grecol, Doug Smith & Dan Grothouse
3:00pm - 5:00pm	Reunification by Ohio School Safety Center by: Joe Grecol, Doug Smith & Dan Grothouse
5:30pm	Dinner provided.
6:30pm	Evening Activity TBD

Thursday, August 7, 2025

7:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast provided.
9:00am - 12:00pm	Trends & Trauma in Youth by: Dr. Monique Khumalo
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch Provided
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Resources & Tools in Education by: Amy Rogers Ohio DPS
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Youth Drug Trends, Social Media and Drug Gangs by: Alex Van Dyke ONIC Intel Analyst
3:00pm - 5:00pm	Hidden in Plain Sight by: Tina Crockrell, Knox County Public Health and Andrea Rees, 4-H Educator for OSU Extension Knox County
6:30pm - 10:00pm	Banquet Dinner with Keynote Speakers: Larry Turneer & Josh Timko with Save a Warrior (Dress is business/formal)

Friday, August 8, 2025

7:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast provided.
9:00am - 10:00am	OPJOA Business Meeting
10:00am - 12:00pm	CRASE by: Athens County Sheriff's Office

Register by mail or online at www.opjoa.com



2025 Conference Presenters

Blaze Amos - is the School Safety Liaison for Region 16. Prior to joining the Ohio School Safety Center, Blaze worked in Emergency Medical Services in the field and in administrative roles. He coaches high school sports and is a member of his village council. Blaze volunteers in his local area not only as an Emergency Medical Technician, but also with local youth sport groups. He also is a NTER Instructor, CSTAG Instructor, and ASHI Instructor. Blaze is currently completing his bachelor's degree in Government through Grand Canyon University.

Carlie Hangartner - is a School Safety Liaison. Between 2013 and 2022, Carlie spent time in several prosecution support and criminal investigative support roles, including as a paralegal with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office in the Major Trial Unit, a legal assistant for the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio, and as a criminal intelligence analyst with the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center. Carlie earned her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the State University of New York, College at Buffalo, and her Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Paralegal Studies from Lakeland Community College.

Robert Meader - Professional Speaker, Author, U.S. Air Force Veteran, retired law enforcement manager, attorney, adjunct college professor, who has a substantial law enforcement management and professional legal experience, front-line response, administrative legal assignments, supervision, investigation, training, budgetary analysis, project management, Mr. Meader is a seasoned instruction/trainer with thousands of hours of professional classroom training, and leadership/management advocacy. Mr. Meader's education includes a Juris Doctor, Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio May 2001, admitted to State of Ohio Bar May 10, 2004, Admitted to Southern District of the State of Ohio June 2007 and earned a Bachelor of Arts, *Summa Cum Laude*, Capital University, Bexley, Ohio May 1996.

Doug Smith : is a Mobile Training Officer for the Ohio School Safety Center. Mr. Smith has been a police officer for 30 years and a veteran of the United States Navy and Army Reserve. Doug was with the Summit County Sheriff's Office retiring as a Captain then returned to serve as the Assistance Sheriff /Chief Deputy. Doug deployed with the Ohio Incident Management Team to Super Storm Sandy in 2012 and has planned or assisted in numerous local, state or national events including: Bridgestone Invitational, Gay Games 9, Akron Marathon, Presidential and VIP Dignitary events, Republican National Convention. Doug has a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management from Malone University and a Master's of Science from Tiffin University in Criminal Justice/Justice Administration and a graduate of the FBI National Academy and holds the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design certification.

Dan Grothouse - is the zone 2 region 6 school safety liaison. He works with schools, emergency responders, mental health professionals, and other stakeholders, in Western Ohio to make schools safe. Responsibilities include outreach, support, and project management for Ohio schools, stakeholders, and community partners to enhance emotional and physical security preparedness and resource accessibility. Assisted with development of "Family Reunification for School-Based Incidents" for the Ohio School Safety Center.



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Joe Grecol - is the Ohio School Safety Center Zone 3 Manager and overseas operations in 18 counties became a police officer in 1993 and served continuously for 27 years before his retirement. Joe's experiences include hostage negotiation 18 yrs, oversees the OVI reduction task force, Alice and RAIDER certified and manages active shooter response for his department. Promoted to sergeant in 2005 and became Chief in 2014. During his tenure as Chief, Joe was a member of the JTTF, President of the Cuyahoga County Police Chief's Association, and began an overdose response program called Safe Passages with a neighboring police department. Upon retirement Joe was hired as the police chief for a private college where he earned his Master's of Arts Degree in National Security/Information Studies, and served for another 3 years before joining the OSSC.

Monique Khumalo - Monique Khumalo earned a doctorate degree in Child Clinical Psychology from OSU She is the owner of Youth Trauma & Justice Solutions, a consulting firm dedicated to assisting child-serving agencies in achieving trauma responsive culture change and overall system reform. She is a member of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network(NCTSN) She co-authored a training curriculum with NCTSN most recent (2020) ***Think Trauma: A training for working with justice involved youth***. In 2006, while serving as Deputy Director of Treatment and Rehabilitation Services for the Ohio Department of Youth Services she initiated the Department's first comprehensive trauma-focused intervention program designed to provide training to staff, treatment programming for youth and trauma-responsive modifications to environments, policies and practices. Dr. Khumalo has provided training and or consultation for juvenile justice and other child-serving agencies through-out much the United Staes.

Alex Van Dyke - is a Strategic Intelligence Analyst with the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center. He analyzes emerging drugs, drug trafficking trends, and threat actors who operate within the global, national, state, and local drug landscapes. Previously, Alex was an Infantry Officer with the United States Marine Corps with deployments to Syria and the U.S. southwest border. At the southwest border, Alex was stationed as a watch officer in an intelligence operations center working in conjunction with the United States Border Patrol, to interdict drug and human traffickers. Alex also previously worked as a research analyst studying violent crime as a part of a team conducting analysis on non-fatal and fatal firearm shootings for the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD.

Amy Rogers - is the educational lead for the Ohio Department of Public Safety's DREAM video program. She has a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, has 16 years of classroom experience, previous wrote the BCI's Science School Curriculum and Video Series, served as the STEAM Camp Director at Otterbein University, and has taught graduate level classes at Ashland University.



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Tina Cockrell - is the Public Health Education and Nursing Division Director for Knox Public Health. Tina joined KPH in 2019 as the Program Coordinator for the Knox Substance Abuse Action Team. Tina previously served as the business liaison for the coalition representing the Knox County Chamber of Commerce. Tina holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and is completing her Master's in Public Health at Ohio University.

Andrea Rees - 4-H Educator for OSU Extension in Knox County, Ohio. She has been an educator for the last 24 years. She joined the Knox Substance Abuse Action Team as a Parent Representative initially in 2015. Now ten years later, she finds that this aligns well with her work in 4-H and her passion for her community. She now chairs the committee and has helped them become their own 501c3 and is currently working with them a strong group of volunteers on a strategic plan.