



# NASSLEO NEWS

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#### Did you know?

- A recent study showed that bullies "may get satisfaction by causing pain."
- Explaining that there is a part of the brain that reacts to pleasure, the report indicated that some bullies responded favorably when they viewed pain or suffering. The report also cautioned that more analysis is necessary.
- University of Chicago, 2008

#### Domestic Assaults by Juvenile offenders :

- 24% of juveniles who committed an assault were in a domestic relationship with their victims.
- Females were 67% of the victims of juvenile domestic assault.
- 51% of juvenile domestic assault offenders victimized a parent.
- 88% of juvenile domestic assault offenders committed their crime in a residence.
- Juveniles are the victims in 98% of domestic sexual assaults committed by juveniles.
- Juveniles are the victims in 76% of domestic sexual assault committed by adults.

- Director James Sheppard and the entire Rochester NY Division of Safety and Security are among the newest members of NASSLEO. This was another good year for the organization which now has 1,700 members in the U.S. and Canada. Welcome Rochester!

Dear Mr. President-elect:

Congratulations on your historic election. I believe this may be a good time to say "Only in America." If you don't mind, I think this would also be a good time to join the list of millions who are offering advice to you. To begin, we all wish you the best as you address the problems of our nation, and as you and our new First Lady seek the best schools for your children. We believe that the best schools are also the safest schools, and that is where I begin my advice. First, please listen to Vice-President-elect Jos. Biden. We have been in communication with Sen. Biden's staff for several years. He has generated many initiatives designed to make our cities and our schools safer. I believe he understands school security issues, past and present.

Here is a small sample of the problems our schools have experienced over the past 50 years or so, by decade: the 1950's-gum chewing; 60's-racial; 70's-drugs; 80's-gangs; 90's-school shootings; 2000's-terrorism. Finally, juvenile homicide is up the last 3 consecutive years. The list goes on, Mr. Obama, but nothing ever comes off. As a result, our school administrators are confronted with unprecedented challenges that their predecessors could not have imagined. Security

should not be their top concern, but unfortunately, it is. Second, restore funding to the Community Oriented Policing Secure Our Schools program. Much of our training, resources, and officers were funded by this money. The program has taken significant hits lately and we are losing the ability to do the job we must do to protect our schools.

Third, recognize the value of the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools. No agency does more to keep schools safe. The staff members quickly respond to calls for assistance and they have proven exceptional leadership. Their website is a world of info for schools. Only a few of the 17,000 school districts in the US have security leaders who have the resources to develop security plans. The others need this team to help them with their increasing security challenges. Even the largest districts count on the OSDFS for advice and leadership. No federal agency does its stated mission better. None. OSDFS is critical to keeping our schools safe.

## 40th Annual Conference in New Orleans, July 20-22, 2009

Chief B.J. Bilbo of the New Orleans School District has extended the offer to host NASSLEO'S 40th Anniversary Conference in his hometown, and the NASSLEO Board of Directors has accepted his offer. President Mike Herrington said, "We will build on the success of our Philadelphia event to make the 40th Annual Conference in New Orleans the best ever." The conference will be held at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, 739 Canal St., phone number

504-962-0500. The draft agenda already includes sessions addressing gangs, bullying, grant writing, and a high-level federal administrator. Continued from last year is the special Executives' session for chiefs, directors, principals, superintendents, and other high ranking officials. Interested parties may contact NASSLEO'S Executive Director, Peter Pochowski, for further details at: [nassleo@nassleo.org](mailto:nassleo@nassleo.org).