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**U.S. Department of Education Official Honored at NASSLEO's 42nd Conference.**

Mr. William Modzeleski, Associate Assistant Deputy Secretary of Education, was the guest speaker at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual School Security Conference in Milwaukee, July 18-20, 2011. During his address, Bill laid out a number of problems schools will be facing this coming year. They included budget cuts, increased workloads (doing more with less), increasing complexity of the problems, support for our efforts is not universal, and of course, uncertainty. No one, he said, knows exactly how much the Department of Education budget will be cut next year but it very likely to be much smaller than this year's budget. In 2010, the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools Total appropriations decreased by 56% from 2009, and that trend is likely to continue in 2011, he said.

Addressing the #1 concern on the minds of virtually everyone in attendance (reduced budgets) Bill suggested the following:

- Reassess roles and responsibilities.
- Ask others with overlapping responsibilities to come to the table.
- Force unique partnerships, e.g. foundations, colleges, businesses, etc.
- Eliminate ineffective programs/practices (set new priorities).

After his presentation, NASSLEO President Larry Borland presented Bill with NASSLEO's Lifetime Achievement Award. The Citation reads in part; "Bill Modzeleski is recognized by industry experts as the standard bearer for school security efforts in the government of the United States." It also stated that "students and teachers are safer today, and will be tomorrow, because of Bill's untiring efforts." The audience showed its appreciation of Bill's decades-long service to American schools with a long standing ovation. Obviously taken aback by the recognition Bill thanked the crowd saying he was "honored and humbled" to receive the award.

Also featured at the Conference was Wisconsin Attorney General J. B. Van Hollen. He thanked the audience for their individual and collective work in keeping schools safe and he discussed the priority efforts of his office to address crimes against children. A total of twenty-four speakers made presentations during the 2.5 day conference.

One of the key presentations was made by Paul Timm of Chicago's RETA Security. This session included an active table top exercise. Dennis Lewis and Judy Brunner of EDU-Safe took their group of administrators through a 4-hour session on the many issues that are unique to school leaders. Major Ian Moffett of the Miami Police Department led a session on his specialty: The National Incident Management System (NIMS). Larry Borland and Bob Spears were featured with their Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) session, which is "must-see" for anyone in

the school security discipline. Finally, perhaps the most captivating session was the review of the 2010 school shooting at Marinette High School in Wisconsin.

During NASSLEO's Special Executive's Session, school security leaders and top school administrators discussed their most pressing concerns for the 2011/12 school year. The top ranked challenges are:

1. Budget reductions
2. The changing priorities of USDOED (budget cuts and too much emphasis on bullying at the expense of tradition safety challenges like gangs, drugs, etc.) as well as the apparent loss of emphasis on the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools which has been moved within DOED).
3. Drugs
4. Training of new staff (due to other time/resource demands, administrator's lack of interest, etc.)
5. Social media issues (sexting, Facebook, Twitter, cell phones, etc.)
6. Gangs
7. Bullying (just a single vote for bullying was received in the top three choices, which may say that administrators are doing as much as is reasonably possible with a growing list of other challenges competing for reduced resources).

The group also agreed that the type of cheating scandals, like the one reported in Georgia this spring, are more common than most people think and they will be more prevalent as administrators are asked to more with less in the near future.

Continuing with NASSLEO's long standing conference tradition, three deserving high school seniors were presented cash scholarships. Katheryn Matthews of Western High School in Ft. Worth, and Alfonso Guzman of Iona Catholic Secondary School in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, were selected from several other candidates for the scholarships. NASSLEO's former executive director Eugene (Red) McAllister presented Katholeen Briggs of Milwaukee with the Past-President's Scholarship. Also contributing to the sponsorship of that award were Past-Presidents Dennis Lewis and Mike Herrington.

The Board of Directors wishes to express its gratitude to three Canadian companies for their continued sponsorship of the Student Scholarship Program: Keyscan Inc., Medeco of Canada, and Gemstar Security Services LTD. A special thank you is reserved for Board member Minaz Jivraz for his outstanding efforts in scholarship fund raising.

NASSLEO wants its members to be aware of a FREE school security conference on September 8th in Chicago that is co-sponsored by the Illinois Board of Education, the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, and others. Registration and info at: <http://www.gbriskcontrol.com/retasecurityregistration/>. Contact Paul Timm for more info at: paul@retasecurity.com.

Finally, I want to thank Mr. Lionel Rabb of OMICRON Technologies in Chicago for his Gold Sponsorship, Of course, the conference itself would not be possible without Mr. Greg Goedeke of **Raptor Technologies** who was the **Conference Sponsor for the fifth consecutive year!** Thank you gentlemen for your support of NASSLEO's mission: keep schools safe!

Quote of the day: "If you cross the projection lines of doing more with less, eventually you will be doing everything with - nothing!" - Anonymous

Peter Pochowski  
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