



NEW JERSEY POLICE CHIEFS FOUNDATION

2018

SAFE SCHOOLS

SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

The National Conference Center & Holiday Inn

East Windsor, New Jersey



2018 Safe Schools Symposium

The New Jersey Police Chiefs Foundation brings together police and education administrators for the 2018 “Safe Schools Symposium,” a seminar designed to address one of the most important responsibilities entrusted to us by our communities: the safety and security of our children.

Teachers, Principals, Superintendents, School Officials, School Counselors, School Security, Municipal Officials, Chiefs of Police and Law Enforcement Officers will benefit from the Safe Schools Symposium and are greatly encouraged to attend.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SCHOOL AND POLICE OFFICIALS UNDER THE MOU
Presented by The Office of the Attorney General

STUDENT-STAFF SAFETY & SECURITY
*Presented by Chief Christopher Wagner, Denville Police Department
Steven A. Forte, Superintendent of Schools, Denville Board of Education*

THE SCHOOL-POLICE PARTNERSHIP
LESSONS LEARNED: HOW POLICE DEPARTMENTS CAN EMPOWER STUDENTS AND STAFF TO RECOGNIZE AND REPORT POTENTIAL THREATS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
*Presented by Dr. John More, JD,
President and CEO of Response Law, LLC*

Registration Fee: \$210

**Continental breakfast & luncheon
included in registration fee**

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Session Descriptions

STUDENT-STAFF SAFETY & SECURITY

*Presented by Chief Christopher Wagner, Denville Police Department
Steven A. Forte, Superintendent of Schools, Denville Board of Education*

This presentation will discuss the importance of building a positive, mutually understanding relationship between the school district and police department executives. From that positive relationship, a municipality can then effectively address all of the items listed on the wheel that relate to school security. Two of our most important points will be that the police and schools have to begin to work together right now, if they haven't already, and begin to check off priorities on their list of school security items. Secondly, there is no "Magic Pill" for school security; districts and police departments must evaluate everything to determine which steps are most important in their security plans.



THE SCHOOL-POLICE PARTNERSHIP

*Presented by Dr. John More, JD,
President and CEO of Response Law, LLC*

A succinct, practical legal roadmap for police chiefs that breaks down the relationship among school administrators, school security, and police officers, including school resource officers and Class III officers in New Jersey. The discussion covers the distinctions between New Jersey civil law and criminal law as to who's in charge, when, and why. Scenario-based subject matter areas include investigations, questioning and interrogation of students, all areas of search and seizure, use of force, and the limited use of body-worn cameras within the school environment.

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This engaging and interactive session provides attendees with a coherent, integrated daily operations template for capturing and leveraging critical information long before the act of violence occurs. The discussion centers on providing school staff and students with the competence and confidence to recognize suspicious communication, activity, and behavior, including all postings on social media platforms, that can be immediately shared with law enforcement. This training encompasses lessons learned from the Parkland, Florida, school shooting and the recently thwarted active shooter attempts in Vermont and New Jersey.

About the Presenters

Chief Christopher Wagner, Denville Police Department

Christopher Wagner currently serves as the Chief of the Denville Township Police Department in New Jersey. He became a police officer in Denville in 1988 and has served in each division within the department. He was promoted to Chief of Police in November, 2007.

Chief Wagner is a Past President of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) and the New Jersey Police Chiefs Foundation and, at the NJSACOP, he has also served as Traffic Safety Committee and Police/Community Relations Task Force Chairman, and serves as a member of the Legislative Committee. At the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Chief Wagner serves on the Police Administration Committee and previously served on the Professional Standards, Image and Ethics Committee. Additionally, he has served as president of the Morris County Chiefs of Police Association, D.A.R.E. Officers, Juvenile Officers and Detective Associations. He is a NJ Certified Police Academy Instructor, lecturing on various topics including Patrol Concepts, Courtroom Testimony and Morals and Ethics. Chief Wagner graduated from the NJSACOP West Point Command and Leadership Academy in 1999 and is a NJSACOP Accredited Command Executive. Chief Wagner holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University and is currently pursuing his Master's Degree.

Chief Wagner lives in Denville, is married to his wife Lisa for 25 years and has two daughters, Alyssa and Krysten.

Steven A. Forte, Superintendent of Schools, Denville Board of Education

Mr. Forte was a special education teacher, football and wrestling coach at the High/Middle School level from 1991-2006. He was named the principal of Lincoln Elementary School in Hasbrouck Heights in 2006 and then he accepted the position of Director of Technology and Curriculum in the same district in 2009. From there he was elevated to the position of High School Principal, also in Hasbrouck Heights. In November of 2011, Mr. Forte was named the Superintendent of the Verona Public Schools. During his time in Verona, Mr. Forte was successful in passing a \$16.5 million referendum for badly needed upgrades/repairs district-wide. Mr. Forte is also proud of developing relationships with several colleges and universities and offering college credit courses on the campus of Verona High School. Mr. Forte was also able to bring in \$100,000's in new revenue from outside sources which helped to fund needed technology and security upgrades as well as extra-curricular activities.

In March of 2014, Mr. Forte was appointed the new Superintendent of Schools for Denville Township. He felt it was quite an honor to be named the Superintendent of the district in which he resides. During his time in Denville, the district has made many strides in all aspects of school governance. A new seal and motto was created as was a new five year strategic plan called Denville 2022. The strategic plan was created with the assistance of over 100 stakeholders and is discussed at every Board of Education meeting to help keep the district on track. Mr. Forte is very excited about the direction of his hometown schools. He has truly enjoyed working with the staff, students and community to make the Denville Schools the best they can be.

Mr. Forte and his wife Lisa have been residents of Denville since 2001. They have two children, Marissa and Anthony who currently attend Denville Schools. Mrs. Forte has been active in Denville Softball and Girl Scouts and Mr. Forte coaches Denville Little League, Blue Angels Football and Morris Knolls Junior Eagles Wrestling. During his time as the Glen Rock High School wrestling coach, Mr. Forte coached two state championship teams and was inducted into the Glen Rock Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2013.

About the Presenters

Dr. John More, JD, President and CEO of Response Law, LLC

John L. More, JD, President and CEO of Response Law, LLC, has over 17 years experience as an insurance defense litigator specializing in employer liability and workmen compensation issues for the public and private sectors with a focus on representation of police, fire, and EMS agencies on a wide variety of liability issues. Additionally, for the past 21 years, he has been recognized as one of the top legal instructors for law enforcement nationwide. He has trained thousands of police officers in over 35 states in all areas related to police operations, including but not limited to community-oriented policing in high-tourist areas, police interaction with the public, officers' legal rights and options during citizen encounters, implementing standard operating procedures, daily operational responsibilities, interview and interrogation techniques, search and seizure, use of force, pursuit, field investigations, interaction of K-9 with the public, preparing for and responding to crisis and critical incidents, strategic documentation, internet investigations, and establishing partnerships among community, law enforcement, and the visiting public. Dr. More is the author of several instructional publications and serves as a confidential consult to police chiefs and directors from all over the country.

Nationally, Dr. More has been contracted to train and consult with numerous law enforcement agencies at both the command and patrol levels, which include: Alameda County (California) Sheriff's Department, Pleasanton (California) Police Department, Lee County (Florida) Public Safety, Junction City (Kansas) Police Department, Kansas Association of School Resource Officers, Fairhaven (Massachusetts) Police Department, Sandwich (Massachusetts) Police Department, Juvenile Officers Association of Michigan & Ontario (Canada), Monroe County (Michigan) Sheriff's Department, Minnesota Juvenile Officers Association, Missouri Crime Prevention Bureau, East Hampton (Long Island, NY) Police Department, New York State Fraternal Order of Police, NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services, State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association, Fayette County (Ohio) Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security, Tulsa County (Oklahoma) Sheriff's Office, Office of the District Attorney/County of Lakawanna (Pennsylvania), KISD (Texas) Police Department, Botetourt County (Virginia) Sheriff's Department, Henrico County (Virginia) Sheriff's Office, Stafford County (Virginia) Sheriff's Office, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, Lakewood (Washington) Police Department, and Pierce County (Washington) Department of Emergency Management. Dr. More is also a much sought after legal instructor for school resource officers. His trainings in this area have been attended by officers from every major city in the country.

For the state of New Jersey, the contracted law enforcement agency trainings include: Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, Bloomfield Police Department, Cliffside Police Department, Gloucester County Juvenile Officers Association, Howell Township Police Department, Jersey City School District Police Department, Manasquan Police Department, Monmouth Beach Police Department, Monmouth County Chiefs Association, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers, Pleasantville Police Department, and Union City Police Department.

Dr. More leads a dual life with over 40 years on-the-ground experience in emergency management and EMS rescue. Since 1995, he has served as an incident commander for a large-scale emergency response team in New Jersey that serves multiple municipalities with a concentration on water rescue related events. He has combined his emergency management skills with legal expertise to provide inspection and analytical review of facilities, policies, plans, and SOPs as they relate to municipal pre-planning for and responding to crisis and critical incidents with a focus on vulnerability assessment and intervention, including active shooter, terrorist, and domestic extremist situations. Dr. More utilizes his combined tactical and legal experience to help draft emergency response plans supplemented by incident command-based tabletop drills and debriefings with a specialty in the area of police-community relations in high-conflict regions. Dr. More has also participated as an instructor in national forums on educating municipal leaders on how to prepare for and respond to short- and long-term crises.



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TIME:

9:00 am to 3:30 pm
8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$210.00 per person

*Continental breakfast and luncheon included in registration

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