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Ok, maybe this is a shameless plug, but hear me out. Field Training can be a complex issue. A good field training program needs to provide management and direction for the field training officer, identify training problems and issues, and train the new officer. What can a group like NAFTO and Indiana NAFTO do to help?

First, In-NAFTO offers a ridiculously inexpensive basic field training officer course. Departments can send their officers to get training in areas such as adult learning theory, mentoring, learning tools, ethics, problem solving, legal matters, and filling out the daily observation report.

NAFTO and In-NAFTO offer annual training conferences that go beyond the basic training and provide advanced training and networking opportunities for departments and officers.

Networking is very important. Through an organization like NAFTO and In-NAFTO officers can meet other FTO's and pick their brain about training issues, program goals, and specific officer problems. It's great to be able to send an e-mail, or pick up the phone and get another opinion on a problem. You may think this issue or problem is specific to you or your department, but I can almost guarantee that someone else has already dealt with it.

Finally the web page aids you in locating the above information and more. The In-NAFTO web page provides articles, tips, and training schedules. There is a message board so you can post questions to any of the FTO's that visit. We provide a mailing list that allows members to discuss specific issues and problems as well as keep the membership informed on upcoming training events.

So join NAFTO and In-NAFTO and take advantage of all things we have to offer.

-Steven Kellams