



National Association of Field Training Officers Indiana Chapter

Indiana NAFTO News

In-NAFTO Update

We are past the half way mark of 2003 and I wanted to take a moment and bring the members up to date on all of the exciting things that have been going on with the organization.

We have already held 3 basic FTO courses this year, with at least 2 more to go. These basic FTO courses have been extremely helpful in furthering the field training concept. We have been able to train over 80 officers in the basic methods and goals of field training, and are looking forward to continuing this trend in the future.

Three of In-NAFTO board members were able to attend the National Conference held in Scottsdale Arizona and came away with some great ideas for the future. Next years National Conference will be in Madison Wisconsin and we encourage as many of the members as possible to attend. Since it is driving distance we hope to have a large contingent of Indiana members present.

The planning for our State Conference has begun, and it is going to be bigger and better then it has in the past. We will be expanding the conference to 2 days and are planning on providing a lunch, hospitality room, and a keynote speaker. As soon as we have more details we will let everyone know. Due to the logistics of planning a bigger conference and working around venues and speakers we have pushed the date back. You can look for the State Conference to be sometime in February. We will post details as we get them on the website, which leads me to our next big improvement this year.

Our website has grown incredibly over the last year. Chris Dutton, our webmaster, has improved the look of the site and added special features like a message board, and a mailing list. Our board members have provided articles for the webpage, and you can find a "Tip of the Month" with ideas for your FTO program. If you haven't been to the site lately you need to see it to believe it. Go to www.in-nafto.org and spend some time, you'll be glad you did.

- Steve Kellams, Director