

Dear WSSCA Membership,

As we enter our 50<sup>th</sup> year, it is a great honor to begin my term as president of the Wisconsin School Safety Coordinators Association. Founded in 1968, WSSCA has grown from a small group of dedicated safety personnel into an outstanding organization committed to making our schools a safer place to learn, play, teach, work and visit. I look forward to helping WSSCA continue this effort.



As evidenced by recent events, the role of a School Safety Coordinator in our schools continues to become more difficult every year. Not only are we responsible for promoting a culture of safety in our buildings, but we need to continue to work diligently to keep our schools as secure as possible to help prevent tragedies. A successful safety and security program requires a wide breadth of knowledge and expertise that comes from networking with other professionals, learning from our past mistakes and most importantly having a willingness to embrace new challenges with new ideas. It is also imperative that we find ways to communicate what we have learned and encourage others in our workplace to become part of the team to make our Schools safer.

As Vice President of Environmental Management Consulting, Inc. (EMC), I have been actively involved in many different aspects of school safety. Over the past 30 years, with the assistance of our staff, EMC has been able to help Wisconsin schools develop and implement safety programs, train and educate school staff members and manage a wide array of environmental concerns within their buildings. As a WSSCA Board member for the last several years, I have been privileged to work with a team of exceptional people dedicated to helping others succeed in school safety.

I would like to thank our outgoing president, Brain Koffarnus, for guiding WSSCA over the last year and helping us to continue to promote our message. With the expert guidance of our Executive Director Ed Dorff, IT Director Stacy Washington and the rest of the Board, we have been able to continue to provide our members with the training, education and resources to help keep our schools safe. I would also like to thank our corporate sponsors and vendors in supporting the efforts of the board, all the individuals that volunteer their time to teach our certification modules and the Board Advisors for their valuable knowledge. Please take the time to thank them for their support.

I am looking forward to work with WSSCA members on the Board's initiatives for 2018. This will include promoting organizational awareness of mental health issues and the role WSSCA members play in addressing these matters in our schools and secondly, focusing on educational efforts on common sources on injuries in our schools. We will also continue to develop and deliver professional development opportunities for WSSCA members through recertification courses and online training. I hope that through the strength of the organization we will achieve our goals.

As a final reminder, WSSCA is only as strong as its members, so please feel free to share any and all ideas that will help advance our mission. Make it a Great and Safe Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. Jozwiakowski". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, looping letters.

Jim Jozwiakowski  
2018 WSSCA President