



# The Take-Down



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## A Message from the President

Thanks for being a KNOA member. Together, we can make a difference.

The KNOA is going on its fifth year in existence from the time the ideal was conceived by a small group of Kentucky narcotic officers around a picnic table at the Law Enforcement Conference in Gatlinburg. The make up of the KNOA Board of Directors is a well represented group of individuals that represent a good cross-section of narcotic enforcement agencies/task forces across our state.



KNOA President Dave Keller

Together, the individuals represented from these agencies/task forces along with the commitment they have made, give the KNOA credibility to take on issues that affect drug enforcement in Kentucky.

The KNOA is affiliated with the National Narcotic Officers Association Coalition which has taken the lead in fighting issues and funding for drug enforcement across the country. Had it not been for their efforts over the past years, I feel certain that little or no federal funding from the Byrne JAG program would be available for drug enforcement. Without their efforts along with the KNOA and other narcotic associations across the country, task force officers would have been laid off and task forces would have been closed. The KNOA was a part of this overall effort and certainly one with which to be proud.

Everyone is encouraged to "buy in" and participate with *your* association. On March 18, 2009 and again on June 12, 2009, the KNOA Board and Committee members met with plans to meet quarterly in order to stick with the task of fulfilling the work that is necessary to address the many drug enforcement issues in our state.

The KNOA currently has the following committees to facilitate our business at hand: Program Committee, Legislative Committee, Membership Committee, Finance Committee, Midwest Publishing Committee and Design & Logo Committee. Each of these committees' purpose as well as their respective members are listed on page 2. Please contact any appropriate committee member for any issue or concern you may have.

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## 2009 KNOA COMMITTEES

### Program Committee

This committee is responsible for planning and providing programs for each scheduled meeting of the association including the annual conference.

- Chair Stan Salyards—[Stan.salyards@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Stan.salyards@louisvilleky.gov)
- Tony King—[tking@jcsoky.gov](mailto:tking@jcsoky.gov)
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- Richard Badaracco—[Richard.a.badaracco@usdoj.gov](mailto:Richard.a.badaracco@usdoj.gov)

### Membership Committee

This committee is responsible for planning and recruiting new members into the association.

- Vic Brown—[Brownv@ahidta.org](mailto:Brownv@ahidta.org)
- Dan Smoot—[dsmoot@centertech.com](mailto:dsmoot@centertech.com)
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- Jimmy Adams—[Jim.adams@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Jim.adams@louisvilleky.gov)
- Becky Bowling—[Beckyl.bowling@ky.gov](mailto:Beckyl.bowling@ky.gov)

### Finance Committee

This committee shall prepare annually for presentation to the Executive Board a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and to consider generally all matters relating to the funds, income/expenses of the association.

- Chair David Smith—[drs330@gmail.com](mailto:drs330@gmail.com)
- Cheyenne Albro—[dalbro@bellsouth.net](mailto:dalbro@bellsouth.net)
- Tommy Loving—[Tommy.loving@ky.gov](mailto:Tommy.loving@ky.gov)
- Dave Gilbert—[Gilbertd@lcadtf.com](mailto:Gilbertd@lcadtf.com)
- Dave Keller—[Kellerd@ahidta.org](mailto:Kellerd@ahidta.org)

### Midwest Publishing Committee

This committee is determined the feasibility of the Midwest Publishing Company soliciting advertisement and publishing a KNOA magazine.

- Chair Jennifer Carpenter—[Jennifer.carpenter@ag.ky.gov](mailto:Jennifer.carpenter@ag.ky.gov)
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- Dave Keller—[kellerd@ahidta.org](mailto:kellerd@ahidta.org)

### Design and Logo Committee

This committee is looking into a new design for a logo for the KNOA.

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- Lisa Hampton—[Hampton@bellevueky.org](mailto:Hampton@bellevueky.org)
- Tommy Loving—[Tommy.loving@ky.gov](mailto:Tommy.loving@ky.gov)

### Legislative Committee

This committee is responsible for; the evaluation of statutes and laws designed to control illicit drug traffic, to prepare suggested improvements in such laws and statutes and to report to the general membership on the development of legislation that will affect the enforcement process.

- Van Ingram (advisor) —[Van.ingram@ky.gov](mailto:Van.ingram@ky.gov)
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## KNOA Membership Recruitment

**A**llow me to introduce myself; I am Lt. Vic Brown with the Kentucky State Police.

I have been with the KSP for 18 years and have been assigned to Drug Enforcement/Special Investigations (Appalachia HIDTA) for the past 7 of those years.

In addition, I am presently serving as the Task Force commander for the HIDTA funded task forces of Columbia and Hazard. More recently I have been elected to serve as the second Vice-President for KNOA and have been appointed as Chair of the Membership Committee.

This being said I am requesting your help in recruiting new members. Our membership has grown exponentially over the past few years. However we currently have fewer than 300 paid members for the 2009 calendar year, so reach out to your departments and squads and encourage them to participate. After all the greater our numbers the louder and stronger our voice will be.



KNOA Vice-President Lt. Vic Brown

# Officer



# Awareness

**O**n June 26, 2009 Agents with the Lake Cumberland Area Drug Task Force executed a search warrant in Wayne County, KY after controlled purchases of marijuana. The target was a W/M, 66 years old with no criminal history. Upon entry the target was asked by the LCADTF case agent if any booby traps, hazardous materials or other dangers may be present on the premises. The target verified there was nothing in the house or outside the home that presented a danger. The target was approached approximately five minutes later and asked the same question by a Kentucky State Police eradication officer. The target again confirmed there was nothing harmful on his property.

Approximately 20 minutes into the search, task

force officers began inventorying firearms. One of the officers lifted a twelve gauge single-shot shotgun which was loaded and cocked.

The trigger had a black string tied to it, which was attached at the other end to a small hook screwed into the side of the cabinet. The officer never saw the string and subsequently lifted the shotgun from the cabinet.

The gun discharged, missing the deputy's head by inches.



## Save That Date!

The next KNOA Conference is set for December 7, 8, & 9th, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville Kentucky. Mark your calendars now and **SAVE THAT DATE!**

Registration and other conference information will be announced soon!



## KNOA in Washington!

A delegation of KNOA members attended the National Narcotic Officers Association Coalition in Washington D. C. during February, 2009. It was a very successful visit which Tommy Loving, our Executive Director, will report on in the winter newsletter.



NNOAC WINTER CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON, DC FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Left to right: KNOA Secretary, Detective Mike Brackett, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Major Joe Williams, Kentucky State Police; KNOA President Dave Keller, Appalachia HIDTA; Congressman Brett Guthrie, Kentucky Second District; KNOA Executive Director Tommy Loving, Bowling Green-Warren County DTP; KNOA Vice President Stan Salyards, Louisville Metro Police; KNOA Past President Dave Gilbert, Lake Cumberland DTF; Director Van Ingram, Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy.



## KNOA Summer Meeting!

The KNOA Board of Directors and Committees met in Burnside, Kentucky, on June 12<sup>th</sup>. This has been the second working meeting for 2009 and with the third meeting scheduled sometime in October prior to our December conference. These meetings are important to *your* association in order to follow through with the issues that we are being continually confronted with in drug enforcement. Things presented and discussed, for example, establishing a KNOA web site with links to all the multi-agency task forces in our state.



Pictured left to right (back row) - Van Ingram, Mike Brackett, Vic Brown, Tommy Loving, Dave Gilbert (front row) - Dave Keller, Rich Baddaraco, Stan Salyards, & Tony King



# SUBOXONE

*V/A Kari Sams  
Appalachia HIDTA ISC*



## Suboxone Selling on Street For \$7 to \$40 a Pill Kentucky

The National Drug Intelligence Center reported in 2004 that the most commonly used drug in opiate addiction therapy in the U.S. was methadone, a Schedule II synthetic opiate<sup>1</sup>. However, there were several disadvantages to this method of therapy. Methadone was only prescribed in licensed methadone treatment clinics and patients had to make daily trips to the clinic in order to obtain the medication.

Previously, in 2000, Congress had passed what was known as the Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) that gave physicians that ability to treat opiate addiction in their offices with Schedule III, IV, and V medications approved by the FDA. At the time of DATA, there were no approved medications for that purpose. Yet, in 2002, the FDA approved buprenorphine for use in opiate therapy. Suboxone (a combination of buprenorphine and naloxone) was used for the maintenance stage of therapy for those addicted to opiates, and can be used to treat addiction of opiates. Including oxycodones

such as Oxycontin and Percocet.

Current reports from LEAs in Kentucky indicate that Suboxone is being sold on the streets for anywhere from \$7 to \$40 a pill, depending on location. Price ranges for Suboxone are varied throughout the state. Middlesboro Law Enforcement are seeing prices around \$7 to \$8 a pill. Whereas, in areas such as Pulaski, Wayne, and McCreary Counties LEAs seeing the drug going for as much as \$20-\$40 a pill regularly. Many UNITE counties are seeing prices in the range of \$20-\$30 a pill, and most recently prices in the \$30 a pill range in Harlan County. Search warrants in these counties are producing several Suboxone in homes. Other areas in Kentucky report not seeing it sold on the streets as of now, but anticipate seeing it soon, as reports from CI's are indicating that it is a drug many people are wanting.

Reports from enforcement have illustrated that the drug is being used in a variety of ways. Some reports indicate the drug being



taken with excess amounts of water to induce regurgitation to produce a high, snorting, using needles, as well as mixing it with Xanax when snorting to produce an incredible high for those who are abusing the drug.

For more information on Suboxone, check online at:

<http://www.suboxone.com>

<sup>1</sup> NDIC. Buprenorphine: Potential for Abuse, <http://www.usdoj.gov/ndic/pubs10/10123/index.htm>.

## 2009 KNOA Officers & Members at Large

### OFFICERS

Dave Keller, *President*  
Tommy Loving, *Executive Director*  
Cheyenne Albro, *Immediate Past President*  
Stan Salyards, *1st Vice President*  
Victor Brown, *2nd Vice President*  
David Smith, *Treasurer*  
Mike Brackett, *Secretary*  
Jeff Scruggs, *Sergeant at Arms*

### BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Richard Badarraco, *DEA*  
Mark Burden, *KSP*  
David Gilbert, *Lake Cumberland Area DTF*  
Jennifer Carpenter, *KBI*  
Dan Smoot, *UNITE*  
Byron Smoot, *Lexington PD*

## KNOA Mission Statement & General Membership

The Kentucky Narcotics Officer's Association is the nation's 43rd state narcotics officer's association established as a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing the following attributes to drug enforcement in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

- Assist in intelligence sharing for cooperative work forces
- Provide opportunities for the enhancement of technical and professional skills
- Provide high quality training for local, state and federal law enforcement officers, prosecutors and other national and international associates
- Support anti-drug information to the youth and general public in our communities
- Monitor legislation concerning drug enforcement at both the state and federal levels

Any sworn law enforcement officers who are employed full-time by a duly constituted governmental authority, and who have as part of their responsibilities, the enforcement of laws and regulations controlling illicit and dangerous drugs and narcotics, or other persons who exhibit a concern for the fulfillment of the goals described in the KNOA by-laws and constitution shall become members upon submittal to the Executive Board of this association.

### APPLY NOW FOR 2009 MEMBERSHIP

#### Kentucky Narcotics Officers' Association

*Pursuing safety and professionalism for drug enforcement officers.*

Please check one of the following:  **Active Membership** or  **Professional Membership**

**ANY MEMBERSHIP PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 1ST WILL APPLY TO 2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print and mail with a check or money order for \$25 payable to KNOA, Inc. to KNOA, 429 1/2 East 10th Avenue, Suite 1, Bowling Green, KY 42101-2211*