

2nd Vice President Nomination Pamela Revels



Candidate's brief biographical sketch

Pamela Revels is originally from Enterprise, Alabama. She is from a family of four and has three nieces. She was hired by the Lee County Sheriff's Office in September 2004 and now is Corporal of the School Resource Unit. Corporal Revels received her bachelor degree in Criminal Justice Administration and Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Columbia Southern University. She is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Over the years, she has achieved National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) Basic, Advanced, and Practitioner Certifications. She currently carries the title of NASRO National Instructor and Region Six Director. Corporal Revels is also very involved with The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers (TAASRO), holding different positions in the association such as Region V Director, Secretary, Vice President, and currently as President. Other special certifications include Rape Aggression Defense for Woman (RAD) Instructor, radKids Instructor, Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERT) I and II Instructor, *Run, Hide, Fight* Instructor, Taser Instructor, NASRO CPTED Instructor, and Too Good for Drugs and Violence Instructor. Corporal Revels serves on the committees of the Lee County Board of Education Title IV "Safe and Drug Free Schools," Lee County Schools District Safety and Planning Team, Alabama State Department of Education Prevention and Support Services Safe Schools Task Force, Alabama State Department of Education Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Advisory Committee, and Governor appointed Legislative Alabama School Safety and Security Task Force. Corporal Revels, also, serves as a judge for the Alabama Attorney General's Safe Schools Initiative.

Corporal Revels serves her community every day in the educational realm. Over the past 15 years, Corporal Revels has educated thousands of students on the dangers of drugs, violence, impaired driving, internet safety, and personal safety. Corporal Revels seeks to educate her community beyond the school environment. She developed and coordinates the Lee County Sheriff's Office Junior Deputy Academy, which provides youth with a positive atmosphere with

law enforcement while developing good citizenship and building constructive character traits. Corporal Revels' reach goes beyond her community, as she is a contributing author for the NASRO Advanced and Basic SRO national curriculum. She has presented at several state conferences over the years as a school safety expert. Corporal Revels serves as Region D Administrator for the Governor's Securing Alabama Facilities of Education (SAFE) Council through the Alabama State Department of Education.

For this service, Corporal Revels received the high honor of Deputy of Year for 2007 through the Exchange Club of Opelika, Deputy of the Year for 2010 through the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the 2011 National School Resource Officer of the Year through the national organization We Tip, 2012 NASRO National Instructor of the Year, featured in the New York Times in 2017, and 2018 Opelika Chamber Service Champion Award. Corporal Pamela Revels is dedicated to the children and citizens of Lee County, and of Alabama, that she serves and protects.

Candidate's campaign platform

"To protect and serve." It is a motto well known to most in the general public; but, through my service as a law enforcement officer and as an SRO, I have come to understand the gravity and magnitude of those words. I have made it my career, my mission, to "protect" citizens and to "serve" the public. My name is Pamela Revels, and I am running for the position of 2nd Vice President for NASRO.

As a newly hired deputy with the Lee County Sheriff's Department in 2004, I was selected to participate in the SRO program. I completed the 40-hour NASRO Basic Course and graduated from the Alabama Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission Academy in April 2005. It was at this time that I first became associated with The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers (TAASRO), and within one year I began my tenure as the TAASRO Region 5 Director. In the TAASRO organization, I have served as secretary and vice president; and, I am presently serving as president. In my tenure with TAASRO, we have seen conference attendance evolve from a few dozen law enforcement officers to close to 700 SROs, school administrators, school counselors, school nurses, school social workers, chiefs, sheriffs, state school personnel, and other school safety stakeholders from across the southeast. Our influence, just as our membership and support, has expanded over the years.



As an influential voice with state officials for the Alabama State Department of Education, the Alabama Attorney General's Office, the Alabama Governor's Office, and the Alabama House of Representatives, TAASRO has become a leading authority on school safety in Alabama. In 2013, my testimony before a joint House and Senate School Safety Committee hearing, as well as my direct collaboration with legislators, a bill was passed to create a state definition of an SRO. The legislature defined an Alabama SRO as, "An APOSTC law enforcement officer under the direction of a law enforcement agency who is specifically selected and specially trained for the school setting." Due to this recognition, TAASRO has



been requested to participate on the Governor's Emergency School Safety and Security Task Force, the Alabama State Department of Education Central Office Task Force, the Alabama State Department of Education Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Advisory Committee and the Alabama Attorney General Safe Schools Initiative Judging panel. My involvement as the TAASRO representative at the state level has afforded many opportunities for me to speak at numerous state conferences and trainings on the benefits of carefully selected and properly trained SROs. Hence, it has also provided me the audience to promote the NASRO philosophy and mission towards school-based policing. This exposure has elevated NASRO's membership support in Alabama to the third highest in the nation, only behind Texas and Indiana.

Thanks to the support of my agency, I have attended many NASRO trainings, completed Basic, and now serve as Region Six Director. This background allowed me to fulfill all necessary requirements to receive the status of NASRO National Practitioner in 2007, as well as NASRO National Instructor in 2008. As I train others across the country, I use my knowledge and experiences to engage new SROs during the Basic course, to challenge seasoned SROs in the Advanced class, and to introduce new ideas as a NASRO CPTED Instructor. I have been a contributing



author for the Basic and Advanced NASRO courses. It has been very exciting to be a part of the expanding influence NASRO has obtained as the world's leader in school-based policing. In Region 6, memberships have grown, and Mississippi has revived its partnership with NASRO. At the federal level, the Department of Juvenile Justice COPS Office promotes and endorses NASRO's quality education. My connection with NASRO has allowed me many positive encounters that have helped to shape me as a local, a state, and a national representative, as well as to guide how I work as an SRO every day.

I value the NASRO Triad model and mission that reflects the community oriented policing concept. I have spent my time as an SRO developing valuable positive relationships, providing education in the school setting, being the protective force through Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) development, and fulfilling required law enforcement duties. I have gained a deeper appreciation for the “protect and serve” by way of interactions with each of my students. Whether it be through



awareness classes regarding the dangers of distracted driving using Fatal Vision Goggles, internet safety, personal safety, decision-making, law-related education, sexual abuse awareness education, and/or the dangers of drugs and violence, I am engaging with students in a positive and supportive manner.

Furthermore, I have had the opportunity to represent NASRO on several national platforms such as the Federal Commission on School Safety Listening Sessions and in the New York Times.



March 2011, I was promoted to Corporal of the School Resource Division. In this capacity, I serve as an SRO, a coach to my SRO team, and a liaison to my local school system. Each day, I nurture the partnerships and collaboration between the local schools, central/district office, community resources, and first responders. A part of that responsibility is to provide several professional development sessions during the year for my staff in relation to school safety best practices, crisis awareness, and EOP response. I believe it is critical to be proactive in the prevention aspect; however, we all must be prepared in a unified effort to respond to any disaster that may occur on our school campuses. The role of the SRO is not just a job for me; it has become my purpose. I have been called to serve in this capacity.



John Boyd has been quoted as saying, “To be somebody or to do something. In life there is often a roll call. That’s when you will have to make a decision. To be or to do? Which way will you go?”

I am Pamela Revels, and I choose “to do something.” I am seeking the Executive Board position of 2nd Vice President to move NASRO forward in the 21st Century. I am asking for your vote so that I can be your voice and continue to do good work for NASRO.