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Montgomery County's Chris Barrier Received KASA Telescopic Star Award

Frankfort, Ky. – Chris Barrier, Director of Law Enforcement for Montgomery County Schools, was awarded the Telescopic Star Award during the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) annual leadership institute in Louisville.

The award honors a visionary education leader who brings significant and meaningful change to sustain the profession while ensuring a safe, caring learning environment for all public school students.

The award recognizes Barrier's work as Montgomery County Schools Director of Law Enforcement, president of the Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers (KYASRO), and as a liaison to the Kentucky Center for School Safety and the Kentucky Association of School Administrators. Barrier was instrumental in developing a safety strand as a component of KASA's annual leadership institute. The added safety strand engages school-based leadership teams to work side-by-side to ensure safety is the number one priority in their schools.

"Because of Chris' work, principals, assistant principals, counselors and school law enforcement officers attend KASA's annual leadership institute as a team," said KASA's executive director Dr. Rhonda Caldwell. "His goal is always focused on the development of caring relationships with students while ensuring a safe learning environment for everyone."

Barrier speaks on safety issues and effective strategies for SROs in trainings and to school leaders statewide. As the KYASRO president, he is a consistent advocate for SROs and guides many school districts across the state as they create safety programs.

The Kentucky Association of School Administrators is the largest school administrators' group in Kentucky, representing more than 3,100 education leaders from across the commonwealth. Formed in 1969, KASA connects education leaders to policymakers, legislators, and other interest groups, and provides numerous benefits and services to Kentucky's school administrators.



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