

O-BLAST – June 3, 2011

Good morning to all my fellow officials! And Happy Friday!

I need to start out today by congratulating all of our new CRRs who just passed the FCRR in Las Vegas, Nevada. The task force committee is soooooo happy for each and every one of you!! CONGRATULATIONS!!! Job well done!

I must also say that I am so very proud of all the officials who have practiced their hearts out this past year to become certified. At the writing of this O-Blast, we still haven't heard word from National how the participants did in the NCRA CRR exam and also the RPR exam. Please, please, keep me posted if you receive your RPR or your CRR from May's NCRA exam.

I know all of you have sweated, cried, and stressed over the practice times, the changing of your writing styles, and the changing of your mindsets in order to help you achieve your ultimate goal. The task force can see how much time and energy has been spent by all of you.

The Realtime Task Force Committee is gearing up for the next round of regional training sessions. This year we are planning four of them throughout the state, so you can pick one near you, or if that one doesn't work, you are welcome at any of the other three.

First regional is going to be on the Western Slope on Saturday, June 25, 2011. We have yet to figure out where. As soon as we confirm the place and the time, I'll send out another O-Blast.

The second regional session will be in Colorado Springs on Monday (yes, Monday), September 12, 2011. That's judicial conference and so most reporters will be available. That's also the weekend immediately following the Fall Seminar, so maybe you can plan on staying an extra day and enjoying the Springs. Again, the exact location and time will be coming.

The third regional session will be in Denver metro on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Time and location to be determined.

And, lastly, the fourth regional session will be in northern Colorado, probably in Greeley, on Saturday, March 10, 2012. Again, time and location to be determined.

Now, that leads me to my next topic. We are in urgent need of your ideas and requests as to what you would like to see in these training session this coming year. The task force would like to gear it towards the needs of the officials, so we need your input.

If you participate in any of the regional sessions this year, and are a member of CCRA, we will have a door prize to give away. You won't want to miss this one! If you are not a member of CCRA and wish to join, please go to the CCRA web site at www.CCRA.info, and look under the Membership tab, and you can fill out the membership form there. The task force was originally put together by Kathy Davis, president of CCRA for 2010-2011. All of these sessions have been put on by members of CCRA. Also if you are a member of CCRA, you can "Like" us on FaceBook. If you are not a member, you might want to consider becoming a member. The cost is low, and the benefit is high! The task force is a superb example of that the high benefit every official has been receiving. And, of course, all those fabulous opportunities for continuing education that's provided because of CCRA's efforts, including the great Fall Seminar coming up in September at Colorado Springs. That is going to be another awesome seminar and a time for getting together with your friends!

Also, I will be continuing to send brief form suggestions to everybody as part of my O-Blasts, so look for them to start coming again.