

The SRO Mission

- *School Resource Officers (SROs) are specially selected and trained deputy sheriffs who are assigned to work in schools to provide special services to students and staff.*
- *The SRO School Resource Officer functions in the role of mentor, law enforcement officer, teacher, and resource. These form the backbone of SRO day-to-day activity.*
- *The SRO's presence on school campus enhances the atmosphere of civility. Being a strong role model and positive example of the law enforcement profession contributes to the school's ability to be a safe, serious place of learning. Parents and students feel safer, and teachers and administrators know they have a partner who can assist with problem solving and finding resources to address needs.*
- *SROs coordinate with school staff to handle campus and neighborhood concerns, to provide enforcement when necessary, and teach/present topics related to school concerns. .*



Things to know...

SROs support student achievement. When the high school male graduation rate increases by only 5 percentage points, the nation could save as much as \$18.5 billion in annual crime costs.

SROs encourage graduation. Graduation, along with full-time employment and waiting to age 21 and married to have kids, increases a young person in poverty's chances of ascending into the middle class by 75%.

SROs want to keep kids in school. Through mentoring and early intervention and by effective collaboration, SROs work to address truancy and other factors that may keep kids from regularly attending school.

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School Resource Officer Program

What does an SRO do?



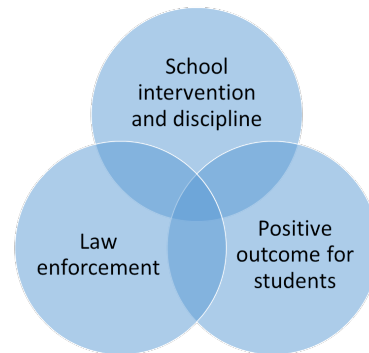
What SROs do...

- Investigate clear criminal violations
- Provide objective and specialized investigative techniques
- Address broader safety concerns/school threats
- Assess campus and neighborhood safety
- Amplification of resources
- Support and encourage positive achievements
- Mentor/counsel/role model
- Problem solving team member, collaborator
- Teaching



SROs don't do...

- SRO's DO NOT:
- Put a "scare" into kids. SROs will not act as the heavy in order to make an impression on a student who is misbehaving
- School campus security/monitor functions. While SROs are available to respond to emergencies on campus, they are not the same as a campus monitor. They function as law enforcement officers with special training to work with schools.
- Arrest "bad" students. SROs investigate criminal allegations and arrest is only done when necessary. Other options and collaborative interventions are the preferred way of dealing with students who are having difficulties



Common Ground

Teachers and students need a safe and calm atmosphere to teach and learn. SROs who are on campus and engaging students, providing a positive role-model and mentoring help to deliver that civil atmosphere.

Early intervention when problems arise, working with students, parents and school officials to find solutions is the path to keep students in school, striving to achieve, and out of trouble. The SRO Program provides cutting edge resources, including therapy canine interventions which aim to improve student social, cognitive, and emotional functions while at school—just one of many approaches SROs utilize to deliver services to students and school staff.

