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**Having a School Resource Officer in a school does not mean that the school is unsafe.**

**It does mean that the community is taking positive and proactive steps to create orderly, safe, and secure schools.**

The Shoreline Police Department in partnership with the Shoreline School District and the King County Sheriff's Office have a full time officer assigned to Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools and part time resource officers at each of the 10 elementary and 2 middle schools in Shoreline. Each SRO receives special training, which may include National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) certifications in school safety and curriculum presentation. In addition, officers receive the nationally acclaimed anti-bullying curriculum training.

Your school administration works with the Shoreline Police Department to design a program that is right for each school. We encourage you to contact those administrators.

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## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS: A PROMISING STRATEGY**

“An SRO program is a ‘promising’ strategy because it enables communities and school to address school violence with both prevention and intervention techniques.

Having an SRO on a school campus can prevent problems from happening. It can enhance a school's capacity to address its safety and security concerns. When problems do arise, SRO's can intervene quickly...SRO's can contribute to safe school planning efforts and offer their schools a resource to turn to when emergencies occur.

Ultimately, the presence of an SRO assists in making the school safer and more secure for students, teachers, and staff. The entire community benefits as well because learning is more likely to take place in such an environment.”

*CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF SCHOOL  
VIOLENCE*

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Shoreline Police Department

## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM**

*What Parents Should Know*



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# PROGRAM CONCEPTS

The School Resource Officer program is based on three concepts: classroom instruction, campus safety, and mentoring. Schools tailor the program to meet their needs by choosing activities and 'components' within the concepts.

## Classroom Instruction

We offer a set of core classes that have been planned, tested and proven to be relevant to the needs of our youth. Through the cooperative efforts of SROs and educators, our program complements the school's curriculum.

- Classes for students
- Parent/teacher workshops
- In-service training

## Campus Safety

The safety aspect of the School Resource Officer program aims to make schools safer, thereby fostering better learning environments. An SRO works with school administrators, teachers, parents, and students to establish and maintain security procedures that emphasize safety and crime prevention.

- Emergency operations
- Crime prevention and response
- Security plans and protocols
- Security supervision
- Environment and design review

## Mentoring

SROs interact and work with students, parents, teachers, and administrators during the school day, and may participate in school-related extra-curricular activities. Informal interaction also provides a good opportunity to reinforce the lessons or answer questions that students were afraid to ask in front of a group. The program promotes youth/police interaction, trust and communication, and students often share crucial school safety information with the officer.

- Informal interaction
- Student activities
- Formal mentoring programs



## THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

The School Resource Officer program is a nationally accepted program that places law enforcement officers in schools.

### Mission

To develop a partnership between law enforcement and the school community that provides a safe environment in which teachers, students, parents and the community can fulfill the mission and goals of the school district.

### Vision

School Resource Officers will promote a safe learning environment and act as educational resources. Their partnerships will enhance problem solving capabilities and increase crime prevention, thereby reducing the incidence and fear of crime in schools.

### Program Objectives

- To build partnerships between students, teachers, parents and police.
- To enhance problem solving capabilities and increase crime prevention, thereby reducing crime and fear of crime in schools.
- To assist schools in the development and implementation of security measures.
- To assist schools in the identification of students at risk and develop strategies of prevention/intervention.
- To provide educational instruction on a variety of youth related topics.
- To provide mentoring and role modeling resources for students.