



How Having a School Resource Officer in Schools Prevents and Deters Crime

1. School Resource Officers have a high visibility, are proactive and deter crime. For example, if a police vehicle is sitting at a bank, it's highly unlikely that someone will rob the bank.
2. SROs are trained to educate students, faculty and staff on a variety of topics. A well educated population is a safer population and enhances a safer environment.
3. Law enforcement presence means fast resolution to any issues that might arise. If something occurs, there is no need to contact police since they are already there.
4. SROs mentor and offer counsel to students. School counselors often have 200-300 kids each. In some cases, SRO's will assist school counselors. Their guidance helps deter suicides, pregnancies and violence.
5. SROs are part of a Community Oriented Program where police and the community work together for the good of the school and its students.
6. SROs provide assistance to school administrators on certain legal issues including searches, questioning, educational code and other legal issues.