



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTY PROGRAM



COMMUNITY PARTNERHIPS BUREAU

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School Resource Deputy Program

The primary mission of the School Resource Deputy (SRD) Program is to maintain and uphold a safe and secure learning environment while fostering positive relationships within the school community. The School Resource Deputies are not school disciplinarians. SRDs must recognize they will not become involved in discipline as it is a school matter and will be handled by school administrators. To achieve the mission effectively, the SRD program should embrace multiple roles: mentor/educator, counselor, and peace officer.

1. SRDs serve as mentors and educators by actively engaging with students in various capacities. SRDs can lead the school administration by providing educational sessions on topics such as safety, bullying prevention, drug education awareness, and other current issues.
2. SRDs play a crucial role in supporting the well-being of students. They can serve as a resource for students experiencing difficulties, referral to appropriate support services, and intervention when necessary. SRDs can also collaborate with school officials to effectively develop and implement strategies for addressing student needs.
3. SRDs are responsible for maintaining safety and security within the school environment. SRDs play a crucial role in emergency preparedness and response, ensuring that students and staff are prepared for various crisis situations.

By supporting these roles, SRDs can achieve the overall goal of maintaining a safe and secure learning environment while also fostering positive relationships within the school community. Building trust and rapport with students, staff, and parents is essential for effective communication and collaboration, which are key components of successful school safety initiatives.

School Resource Deputy Program Services and Meetings

The involvement of School Resource Deputies (SRDs) in various events and meetings is vital for maintaining a safe and informed school community. Attending a variety of events and meetings allows SRDs to stay connected with the school community, address safety concerns, and work collaboratively with school officials to promote a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and staff. Below please find basic school demographics and event information.

Central Patrol Division

| School Information | School Patrolled | No. of Students |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Centinela Unified School District | Leuzinger High School | ~1,900 |
| Centinela Unified School District | Jane Addams Middle School | ~800 |
| Centinela Unified School District | Will Rogers Middle School | ~1,000 |
| Centinela Unified School District | Lawndale High School | ~2,300 |
| Centinela Unified School District | R.K. Lloyd High School | ~200 |

| Sporting Events | After School Events | In School Events | Safety Drills | Home Visits | Board Meeting |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

East Patrol Division

| School Information | School Patrolled | No. of Students |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Rowland Unified School District | Nogales High School | ~2,000 |

| After School Events | In School Events | Safety Drills | Home Visits | Board Meeting |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 9 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |

South Patrol Division

| School Information | School Patrolled | No. of Students |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| ABC Unified School District | Artesia High School | ~1,500 |
| Paramount Unified School District | Paramount High School | ~4,000 |

| Sporting Events | After School Events | In School Events | Safety Drills | Home Visits | Board Meeting |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 18 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

North Patrol Division

| School Information | School Patrolled | No. of Students |
|--|--|-----------------|
| Antelope Valley Union High School District | Antelope Valley High School | ~1,500 |
| Antelope Valley Union High School District | Eastside High School | ~2,700 |
| Antelope Valley Union High School District | Highland High School | ~2,790 |
| Antelope Valley Union High School District | William J "Pete" Knight High School | ~2,800 |
| Antelope Valley Union High School District | Lancaster High School | ~2,600 |
| Antelope Valley Union High School District | Littlerock High School | ~1,500 |
| Antelope Valley Union High School District | Palmdale High School | ~2,500 |
| Antelope Valley Union High School District | Quartz Hill High School | ~3,000 |
| Antelope Valley Union High School District | Desert Winds Continuation High School | ~600 |
| Lancaster Elementary School District | John & Jacqueline Miller Elementary School | ~3,000 |
| Lancaster Elementary School District | Monte Vista Elementary School | ~800 |
| Lancaster Elementary School District | Sierra Elementary School | ~700 |
| Lancaster Elementary School District | Endeavour Middle School | ~800 |
| Lancaster Elementary School District | Piute Middle School | ~700 |
| Lancaster Elementary School District | New Vista Middle School | ~900 |
| Lancaster Elementary School District | Amargosa Creek Middle School | ~1,000 |
| Lancaster Elementary School District | Nancy Cory Elementary School | ~700 |
| Lancaster Elementary School District | El Dorado Elementary School | ~800 |

| Sporting Events | After School Events | In School Events | Safety Drills | Home Visits | Board Meeting |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 10 | 6 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

School Resource Deputy Program Collaborations

The SRD program works to connect students and parents to necessary services. The SRD program has established partnerships with the Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development (DYD) and with the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP).

Department of Youth Development (DYD): This partnership allows the SRD program to connect students with resources such as the youth diversion program and other valuable services tailored to the needs of young people. The youth diversion program provides alternative interventions for youth involved in minor offenses, aiming to prevent further involvement in the criminal justice system and promote positive behavior change. By leveraging the resources and expertise of the Department of Youth Development, the SRD program can effectively address the needs of at-risk students and provide them with opportunities for rehabilitation and support.

Office of Violence Prevention (OVP): Collaborating with the OVP enables the SRD program to assist students who have been impacted by violence, whether on school campuses or at home. By working together with the OVP, the SRD program can access specialized resources and interventions designed to address the root causes of violence and promote safety and well-being within the school community.

Overall, these partnerships enhance the effectiveness of the SRD program by providing access to a wide range of support services and resources tailored to the needs of students. By collaborating with the Department of Youth Development and the Office of Violence Prevention, the SRD program can fulfill its mission of maintaining a safe and secure learning environment while fostering positive relationships within the school community.

The SRD program also works with other areas and partnerships:

Youth Summit Seminar: These seminars build relationships with students to better connect with the school community.

School Safety and Security Unit: Collaboration involves sharing best practices, conducting drills, and implementing security measures to ensure a safe learning environment.

Community Youth Programs: Engaging with community youth programs enables SRDs to connect students with positive activities and support services outside of school, fostering a sense of belonging and reducing risk factors for delinquency.

Adolescent Mental Health team: Working with mental health professionals helps SRDs identify and support students struggling with mental health issues, ensuring they receive appropriate interventions and resources.

School Resource Deputy Trainings

School Resource Deputies (SRDs) undergo various types of training to effectively fulfill their roles within schools. Deputies assigned to the School Resource Deputy program have participated in the following trainings:

Conflict Resolution and De-escalation Training: SRDs receive training in conflict resolution techniques and de-escalation strategies to help them resolve conflicts peacefully and prevent situations from escalating into violence. This training emphasizes communication skills, empathy, and the use of non-violent intervention tactics.

Mental Health Awareness and Crisis Intervention: Given the prevalence of mental health issues among students, SRDs often receive training in mental health awareness and crisis intervention. This training equips SRDs with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize signs of mental distress, provide initial support and referral to appropriate resources, and intervene effectively in crisis situations.

School Safety and Security Training: SRDs receive specialized training in school safety and security measures, which may include topics such as emergency response protocols, active shooter response training, threat assessment procedures, and school lockdown procedures. This training equips SRDs with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively respond to safety threats and emergencies in schools.

Law Enforcement Training: SRDs typically undergo standard law enforcement training, which includes topics such as criminal law, patrol procedures, firearms training, defensive tactics, and crisis intervention techniques. This training ensures that SRDs are prepared to handle a wide range of law enforcement responsibilities within the school environment.

By undergoing a variety of training programs, SRDs are better equipped to address the complex challenges of maintaining safety and security within schools while fostering positive relationships with students, staff, and the broader school community.

School Resource Deputy Program Statistics

The SRD program utilizes two statistical codes to differentiate a program response vs a station response. 801 is used for criminal contact by a School Resource Deputy; 802 is used by the School Resource Deputies for non-criminal contacts.

In Quarter 1 2024, criminal contacts by a School Resource Deputy accounted for 4.77% of all calls entered by the deputies. A breakdown of call clearance code by month and station is shown below. **Please note this is not a count of the number of contacts, but of the number of incidents.

| Station | January 2024 | | February 2024 | | March 2024 | | Quarter 1, 2024 | |
|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | 801 | 802 | 801 | 802 | 801 | 802 | Total Calls | % 801 contact |
| CVS | 1 | 18 | 9 | 19 | 6 | 19 | 72 | 22.22% |
| IDT | 0 | 12 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 16 | 46 | 0.00% |
| LAN | 8 | 227 | 22 | 325 | 19 | 270 | 871 | 5.63% |
| LKD | 0 | 20 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 18 | 59 | 0.00% |
| NWK | 0 | 49 | 1 | 63 | 4 | 56 | 173 | 2.89% |
| PLM | 2 | 179 | 16 | 178 | 5 | 184 | 564 | 4.08% |
| PRV | 2 | 9 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 17 | 40 | 5.00% |
| SCT | 6 | 291 | 10 | 263 | 7 | 273 | 850 | 2.71% |
| SLA | 2 | 27 | 4 | 27 | 8 | 21 | 89 | 15.73% |
| TEM | 0 | 45 | 0 | 48 | 0 | 50 | 143 | 0.00% |
| WAL | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 28.57% |
| TOTAL | 21 | 877 | 64 | 974 | 54 | 924 | 2914 | 4.77% |

SRD Success Stories

School Resource Deputies (SRDs) contribute significantly to the safety and well-being of school communities, they also face various challenges in fulfilling their roles effectively. By addressing these challenges through ongoing training, collaboration, and community engagement, SRDs can continue to make positive contributions to schools and support the success of all students. Below are comments and success stories from several School Resource Deputies.

Central Patrol Division

South Los Angeles Station

School Resource Deputy comments:

There were several positive interactions with students and parents while working at Leuzinger High School. During her tenure at the high school, the School Resource Deputy served as a strong female role model for the students. She reported that several students came to her and asked her about the path to become a law enforcement officer. She also provided resources about the Explorer program to the students.

East Patrol Division

Industry Station

School Resource Deputy comments:

This year the School Resource Deputy assisted and collaborated with referring several students/families to the Department of Youth Development (DYD) Youth Diversion Program. The Diversion program has helped students take accountability instead of being placed in the justice system and avoid a criminal record. The School Resource Deputy has also been working with Soledad Enrichment Action and referring students who have gang affiliations to the program. This has resulted in preventing gang violence and improved good behavior. The School Resource Deputy has also partnered with the Almas Family Services, who provide support services to some of the students referred through DYD.

North Patrol Division

Palmdale Station

School Resource Deputy comments:

The School Resource Deputies are frequently tasked with handling threat assessment regarding potential school related shooting threats. During the school year, they have handled multiple school threat assessments, and recovered handguns in students' possession. The School Resource Deputies also face challenges when it comes to after school fights. Students tend to walk away from the campus and meet in groups to fight. Deputies patrol the outer perimeter at dismissal for high visibility to prevent a fight from occurring. At the beginning of this year, they met with the "Helper Foundation" to see how we could collaborate to provide a safe passage to or from school, as well as prevent off campus violence. All our high school deputies are present during home football games. Deputies walk around and interact with kids; and provide security during, and after the game, to minimize a chance for any adverse issues.

South Patrol Division

Lakewood Station

School Resource Deputy comments:

The School Resource Deputy attends all school lunches and makes themselves available to all students in the quad. It is common for students to come say hi and share how things are going at school and at home. The School Resource Deputy has had numerous interactions with students who have poor attendance and have a difficult time getting to school. Many of these interactions have resulted in the students returning to school and attending school on a regular basis.

A challenge the School Resource Deputy faces is gaining the trust of students who have been raised in a community where family members may not trust law enforcement. During their time as a School Resource Deputy and interacting with students, they have gained the students' trust. They feel comfortable talking to me about not only issues they are having at school but also about issues going on in the community.