

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

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

Since 1999, the Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) has offered our School Resource Officer program to local schools.

The Federal Way School District contracts with the FWPD for full time officers in each of the high schools. This allows students to interact with the same officer every day.

The role of the SRO differs depending on the needs of the school, however it is our intent for the SRO program to remain as consistent as possible.

Each SRO receives special training, including National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) certifications in school safety and curriculum presentation.

Your school administrators will work with the FWPD to design a program that's right for students. We encourage you to contact those administrators or your SRO with questions or comments.

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

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“An SRO program is a ‘promising’ strategy because it enables communities and schools 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, SROs can intervene quickly.... SROs 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*

For more information, please contact your SRO or the Supervisor at (253) 835-6700 visit our website at [www.cityoffederalway.com](http://www.cityoffederalway.com)

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# **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM**

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**What Parents Should Know**



**Federal Way Police Department**

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# THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

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

## Mission

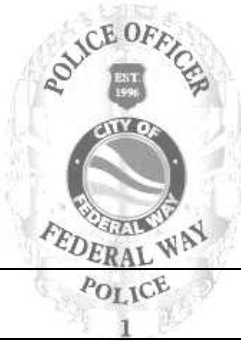
To develop a partnership between law enforcement and the school community that provides a safe environment in which teachers, students, parents and the community can fulfill the mission and goals of the school district.

## 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.

## Goals

- To assist the schools in the development and implementation of safety measures.
- To assist the schools in the identification of children at risk and develop strategies of prevention and intervention.
- To provide educational instruction on a variety of youth-related topics.
- To provide mentoring and intervention resources for the students.
- To be a member of the faculty and administrative team working in partnership to solve problems in the school community.



“ *The School Resource Officer is a vital partner in the development and implementation of the school safety plan. A safe and secure environment is essential for academic achievement.*”

*-- Principal Tom Leacy*

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## PROGRAM CONCEPTS

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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 SRO 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

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