

Denver Police Department School Resource Officers

- The Denver Police Department has 15 police officers with the rank of Technician assigned as School Resource Officers (SRO's). The officers are assigned as follows:
 - **Lake and Skinner** Middle School – One officer
 - **Smedley** Campus for North High 9th Grade Class – One officer
 - **Contemporary Learning Academy** and **Career Enhancement Center** – One officer
 - **Bruce Randolph** Middle School/**Manual** High School – One officer
 - **North** High School – One officer
 - **South** High School – One officer
 - **West** High School – One officer
 - **Thomas Jefferson** High School – One officer
 - **George Washington** High School – One officer
 - **John F. Kennedy** High School – One officer
 - **Abraham Lincoln** High School – One officer
 - **East** High School – Two officers
 - **Montbello** High School – Two officers

The SRO's are assigned to one of the six police districts and are supervised by that district's chain of command. Their work schedules coincide with the Denver Public School's calendar and hours. When not assigned to their respective schools, the officers work in their home districts.

- Duties of the SRO's
 - Contribute to the positive police / school / community relations efforts
 - Maintain high visibility in and around the campus
 - Serve as professional and positive role models
 - Recruit students into the law enforcement field
 - Act as law enforcement liaisons with students / faculty / staff / administration / parents and school community (participate in parent teacher conferences)
 - Mediate conflicts between students parents and faculty
 - Participate in Law Related Education classes
 - Coordinate with Denver Public School administration and security
 - Sit on various school boards, coach various sports
 - Identify issues and solve problems, on and off campus
 - Assist other enforcement agencies with campus related investigations
 - Full duties of all police officers including, protecting life and property, investigating crimes, taking enforcement action etc.

Last year the SRO's handled 3918 calls for service. Calls that otherwise would have been handled by precinct cars. Undoubtedly their presence and proactive interactions in the schools prevented thousands of additional calls for service.

When asked, the SRO's described their roles as; providing a safe environment, being visible, proactively staying ahead of problems, interacting with kids, showing the kids that we care about them, positive role models, advisors, mediators, etc.

