

Meet an **SRO** } **School Resource Officer**

PROTECTOR – MENTOR – EDUCATOR

An **SRO (School Resource Officer)** is a **career law enforcement officer** who is assigned to work in collaboration with one or more schools. SROs are assigned by their employing police department, agency or sheriff's department to this specific, community-oriented patrol duty. Unlike a security guard, an SRO is a sworn law enforcement officer with the authority to make an arrest.



An SRO is a **first responder** who is integrated into a district's emergency planning.

An SRO can be a **mentor or counselor** for students.



An SRO is the **first line of defense** in a school. Most SROs are armed.

An SRO is a **sworn police officer** with authority to investigate and make arrests.



An SRO is an **informal educator** who can help provide important information to students, parents and staff.

An SRO can assist and monitor a crisis situation to **keep students and school employees safe** before additional law enforcement arrive.



*As of 2017, there were **less than 200 SROs** in New York.* This number is **on the rise** as schools add officers in response to increased threats of school violence and the number of deadly incidents reported across the nation.*

An SRO doesn't sit behind a desk. They are present in hallways and cafeterias to **interact with students and build relationships** in the school community.



A successful SRO program is focused on building healthy relationships between law enforcement and members of the school district to benefit individual students and the greater community.

