

SROs EDUCATE PARENTS & STUDENTS ON THE DANGERS OF CYBERSPACE

What SROs and School Administrators Are Saying About This Issue

“Over the last few years, SROs have been watching Myspace accounts to track cyber bullying within their schools. As an SRO, I've been watching these accounts over the last 3 years and have found many of students posting pictures of themselves drinking and doing risky things. I have taken those photos directly to the parents, who were not aware that their children had posted them on the Internet. At the beginning of this year I was checking out some of the students' pages and I discovered a song that was produced by four students. In that song there were lyrics about killing two specific students at the same high school. A criminal investigation was conducted, which resulted in the expulsion of five students including one of the potential victims.”

“If you don't understand Myspace or Facebook, look for training opportunities that will help you become more acclimated with these online blogs. Many SROs offer courses on Internet dangers and Cyber bullying to parents, students and school staff. These classes are very educational and well received.”

“Recently, our SRO took the initiative and leadership role in spearheading and education campaign focusing on several problems surrounding Internet safety. He has co-hosted, “Caught in the Web,” a seminar for parents, students and other SROs that examines the Internet web sites “My Space” and “Facebook,” as well as others. This seminar is in high demand and he currently has 8 additional presentations to host!