



## **Ohio School Resource Officers Association**

### **Vision**

The Ohio School Resource Officers Association (OSROA) will continue the tradition of being Ohio's leading authority on school-based policing with an emphasis on the safety of students and others in the educational environment.

### **Mission**

The Ohio School Resource Officers Association is a not-for-profit organization that represents school-based law enforcement personnel. These personnel serve the law enforcement needs of schools, communities and law enforcement agencies by providing the education, support and resources needed to build a safe and positive learning environment in Ohio's schools.

### **Values**

We believe that partnerships between schools, students, parents and school based policing create safer communities and a safer Ohio. We believe the roles of School Resource Officers (SROs) are those of mentor, teacher and law enforcement officer.

### **Goals**

1. Advocate for School Resource Officers (SRO's) and school safety.
2. Provide support for school-based police personnel to effectively perform their duties.
3. Build the Ohio School Resource Officers Association.

### **The "Promise" of an SRO Program**

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 to address what is taking place. 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.