



WHAT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SROs) ARE:

SROs are valuable resources for their schools. They are trained to fulfill three roles.

First and foremost, they are law enforcement officers whose primary purpose is to "keep the peace" in their schools so that students can learn and teachers can teach.

Second, they are law-related mentors who provide guidance on various issues to students, parents, and school administrators and act as a link to support services both inside and outside the school environment. And third, they are law-related education teachers who provide schools with an additional educational resource by sharing their expertise in the classroom.

Beyond these identified roles and, perhaps most importantly, SROs are positive role models and mentors for many students who are not exposed to such role models in today's society. Their presence in the schools sends a strong message that violence is not acceptable.