



## Why School Resource Officers Are So Important

- They provide an extra safety net in schools by conducting security assessments of school buildings and surrounding areas, teach school lockdown procedures and provide critical incident training in school communities.
- They provide clear and consistent boundaries and expectations (and the consequences for breaking these rules) for students, parents and teachers.
- They provide a positive role model for students, especially those who do not have positive role models in their lives.
- They provide conflict resolution for students and staff and education and instruction on school law.
- They educate students and teachers on the topics of self defense, internet safety, predator awareness, prevention of abuse and problem solving.
- They act as a deterrent to crime in schools and provide overall support for a safe and caring school climate.
- **SROs are a vital part of any school community.**