

Safe Learning = Student Success

## **Consider these benefits of a SRO Program:**

#### **SAFER SCHOOLS**

- SROs act as a deterrent to crime in schools and provide overall support for a safe school climate
- Higher academics, lower absences and fewer behavioral referrals

### **OHIO SCHOOL MANDATE ASSISTANCE**

- Ohio Emergency Operation Plan requirements, Prevention Planning & Training Staff
- HB 367 (2015): Opiates prevention education (SRO as Subject Matter Expert)
- HB 178 (2015): School safety drills
- HB 19 (2010): Dating Violence & prevention ("Tina Croucher Act" or "Tina's Law")

### **PREVENTION/COLLABORATION**

- <u>SROs are Proactive</u>: rapport with students, role model, liaison to law enforcement, diversion from JV court
- SROs Reduce Crime: visible, accessible, participate in school functions, respond, deter
- <u>Provide instruction</u>: Staff In-Service trainings, CPR, AED, A.L.i.C.E. (lockdown options), drug & gang prevention, abuse education, stranger danger, DNA/fingerprints, impairment goggles, sexting, search and seizure laws, safety-town, traffic laws and more!
- <u>SROs are trained in</u>: Autism and mental health awareness/resources, de-escalation techniques, cultural diversity awareness, interviewing and counseling techniques and crisis management.



National Association of School Resource Officers: "school-based policing is the fastest-growing area of law enforcement."

# For additional SRO resources & funding ideas: www.OSROA.org