

Why is there a Police Officer in my child's school?

I am Officer Ed Davis, a Police Officer with the City of Creve Coeur. I am assigned to Parkway Northeast Middle School as a School Resource Officer. I would like to explain a little about what a School Resource Officer is and does every day in your child's school.

- The original School Resource Officer(SRO) program began in the 1950's with the goal of improving police/youth relations
- Currently the SRO program goals have expanded with various roles and responsibilities for the Officer. Some of the goals for the program are:
 - Bridge the gap between police officers and young people
 - Increase positive attitudes towards law enforcement
 - Teach the value of the legal system
 - Promote respect for people and property
 - Reduce juvenile delinquency by helping students formulate an awareness of rules, authority, and justice
 - Take personal interest in students and their activities
 - Allow students access to the legal system
 - Teach students how to avoid being a victim through self-awareness and crime prevention

There is a basic triad concept of the roles of an SRO; they are to be a teacher, counselor, and law enforcement officer.

As a teacher

- Be a member of staff and administration
- Provide diverse law related curriculum
- Guest speaker in class via invitation

As a counselor

- Informal counseling within police officer training & experience
 - violence & anger management
 - personal conflicts, harassment
 - drug & alcohol issues
 - suicide issues
 - abuse, neglect
 - contact with law enforcement
 - court diversion & court involvement

Work with counselors, social workers, psychologists, nurses, etc.

Information on community services

As a law enforcement officer

- works with other police departments, juvenile services, and court officials
- liaison between school & community
- positive role model
- truly the most diverse position in law enforcement

I hope this has given you an introduction as to what my job is at Northeast Middle. I also have a majority of the lost & found items if your child should misplace something during the school year. Please contact me with any concerns or questions, 314-415-7190 or Creve Coeur Police Department 314-872- 2545. Thank you, and let's make this a great and safe school year!