

Positive Connections

- SRO's plant seeds with our young people that promote **better understanding and cooperation between law enforcement and the public**
- Building relationships with students and staff

Safety

- The presence of an armed, uniformed officer and marked patrol vehicle helps parents, staff and students have a greater feeling of comfort and safety
- Increased communication with first responders help the school community with crisis drills, traffic issues and issues of crime in the neighborhood
- **Students express feeling safer with an SRO in their building**

Prevention

- Principals attribute the SRO's direct involvement with students with **decreased incidents of crime** and the number of students who would be introduced to the criminal justice system
- SRO's de-escalate situations so they don't rise to the level of criminal charges being pressed

Benefits of School Resource Officers

(SRO's) in Our Schools:

Helping ensure that schools are trusted as safe places by students, parents, staff and community



LONG-TERM

GOALS

Valued by Students

- One student described the SRO in her school as being a **"part of the fabric of our school"**
- Students expressed concerns over attending a school that did not have an SRO

Additional Benefits

- Opportunities are offered by SRO's for students to "Rap with a Cop" where officers share experiences on the job and in the school, then allow students to ask questions
- SRO's have helped students find employment, helped with homework and counseled students on making positive choices

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