Police Department
City of Bellevue

The Bellevue Police Department School Services Unit Welcomes You to the 2009 -2010 School Year

School based policing with full-time School Resource Officers (SRO's) has been a fixture in the Bellevue School District (BSD) high schools for more than ten years. Full-time SRO's also serve Highland, Odle, Tillicum and Tyee Middle Schools providing continuity between the middle and high school environments with the goal of enhancing the safety and stability of the schools' social and learning environments.

SRO's function in diverse roles in the school setting. First, they perform a traditional law enforcement role by investigating known crimes that occur on campus, filing criminal complaints and looking into situations that may involve criminal behavior or pose a threat to the security of the school and its occupants. SRO's also provide a deterrent to criminal and inappropriate behavior at school by their regular, uniformed presence on campus and in the surrounding neighbourhoods. They function as a general resource and referral for students and staff who need assistance with problems that may be incurred on the boundaries of criminal conduct or severe socially inappropriate behavior. SRO's, as school staff members, may also assist in enforcing school rules or provide reminders of expected general conduct for those utilizing school facilities and property.

SRO's foster a partnership between the police, school staff, students and parents to increase the level of general communication and safety in the school 'communities'. At the request of school administrators and staff, or in those situations that otherwise come to the attention of an SRO, the officer may provide counsel during disputes between involved parties with the intent of avoiding or eliminating continuing disruptive conflicts or offenses. The philosophy extends to an open-door policy for students wishing to initiate direct formal or informal contact with a police officer to speak about a particular problem, ask for advice or just seek general information.

In addition to conventional policing roles, SRO's can also serve as periodic educators in the formal settings of the classroom presenting material related to law and government, law enforcement, weapons possession, verbal and physical violence, bullying and unlawful use or possession of tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

The Bellevue Police Department SRO's serving Highland, Odle, Tillicum and Tyee Middle Schools and Bellevue, Interlake, Newport, Robinswood and Sammamish High Schools look forward to serving their students and staff while contributing to another successful and safe school year.

Thank You,

The members of the Bellevue Police Department School Services Unit