“A SRO program is a ‘promising’ strategy because it enables communities and schools to address school violence with both prevention and intervention techniques. Having a SRO on a school campus can prevent problems from happening. It can enhance a school’s capacity to address its safety and security concerns. When problems do arise, SRO’s can intervene quickly…SRO’s can contribute to a safe school planning efforts and offer their schools a resource to turn to when emergencies occur. Ultimately, the presence of a SRO assists in making the school safer and more secure for students, teachers, and staff. The entire community benefits as well because learning is more likely to take place in such an environment.”

The School Resource Officer Program is Based on Three Concepts: Classroom Instruction, Campus Safety, and Mentoring

**Classroom Instruction**
We offer a set of core classes that have been planned, tested and proven to be relevant to the needs of our youth. Through the cooperative efforts of SROs and educators, our program complements the school’s curriculum.

**Campus Safety**
The safety aspect of the School Resource Officer program aims to make schools safer, thereby fostering better learning environments. A SRO works with school administrators, teachers, parents, and students to establish and maintain security procedures that emphasize safety and crime prevention.

- Emergency operations
- Crime prevention and response
- Security plans and protocols
- Security supervision
- Environment and design review

**Mentoring**
SROs interact and work with students, parents, teachers, and administrators during the school day, and may participate in school-related extra-curricular activities. Informal interaction also provides a good opportunity to reinforce the lessons or answer questions that students were afraid to ask in front of a group. The program promotes youth/police interaction, trust and communication, and students often share crucial school safety information with the officer.

For Emergencies, Call 911

Having a School Resource Officer in a school *does not* mean that the school is unsafe. It *does* mean that the community is taking positive and proactive steps to create orderly, safe, and secure schools.

The Omaha Police Department in partnership with Omaha Public Schools, Millard Public Schools, District 66, and Elkhorn Public Schools, have a full time officer assigned to most high schools and middle schools in the Omaha Metro area.

Each SRO receives special training, which may include National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) certifications in school safety and curriculum presentation. In addition, many officers receive additional specialized training in areas such as bullying, internet safety and gang prevention.

Your school administration works with the Omaha Police Department to design a program that is right for each school. We encourage you to contact those administrators with any questions you have about the program.

**School Resource Officers will promote a safe learning environment and act as educational resources. Their partnerships with schools will enhance problem solving capabilities and increase crime prevention, reducing the fear of and the number of incidents of crime in schools.**