



City of Dallas

School Resource Officer Program Update

**Public Safety Committee
September 12, 2022**

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Presentation Overview



- Background/History
- Purpose
- Program Overview
- SRO Training
- Recent Progress
- Next Steps



Background/History



- The Dallas Police School Resource Officer(**SRO**) program assigns officers to schools to provide police services, safety, and positive interactions with students.



Purpose



- Provide an overview of the School Resource Officer program
- Discuss the future of the program



Program Overview



- Most of the public schools in Dallas are part of Dallas ISD
- The Dallas Police Department SRO program began at Lake Highlands High School with 4 officers in 2017
- Coordinated out of the Northeast Division



Program Overview



- Expanded in 2020, DPD's SRO program now houses 10 officer positions and covers the following schools in the Richardson ISD:
 - Lake Highlands High School
 - Lake Highlands Jr. High
 - Forest Meadow Jr. High
 - Liberty Jr. High
 - Parkhill Jr. High
 - Westwood Jr. High



Program Overview



Common duties include:

- Providing Police Presence
- Emergency Preparedness
- Facilitating Positive Interactions
- NOT enforcing school policy



SRO Training



- Biennial 40-hour training required by TCOLE
- Active shooter training
- Less than lethal weapons training
- Drug testing
- Texas Safety Center SRO training



Recent Progress



June 6, 2022 - Meeting with RISD
Discussed future of SRO program,
staffing and promotions
August 24, 2022-Meeting with RISD
Discussed upcoming year



Recent Progress



Plano ISD (PISD)

- Draft MOU completed for SRO at Frankford Middle School
- MOU under review at City Attorney's office
- Requires City of Dallas and PISD School Board approval
- MOU is scheduled to go before City Council consideration on September 14, 2022



Recent Progress



Active Shooter Training

- Joint training exercise on July 27th at Thomas Edison Middle School
- DPD Patrol, SROs, DISD, Office of Emergency Management, and DFR



SRO Staffing Options



- Department evaluates individual request to determine resource availability
- If resources are available:
 - Full reimbursement
 - Cost share
 - Overtime cost reimbursement



SRO Staffing Options



- Department evaluates individual request to determine resource availability
- If resources are not available:
 - Requestor can hire OFF DUTY officers as needed
 - DPD will assist requestor with process to form a police department



Next Steps



- Evaluate program effectiveness
- Determine long-term staffing availability
- Future requests for school resource officers





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