



LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS

NUMBER: 1145
TOPIC: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM
ISSUED BY: MICHON MORROW, CHIEF OF POLICE
DATE: 1-1-2024
SUPERSEDES: G.O. 1145, 2022
REFERENCE: N.R.S. 79-2704

I. POLICY

The Lincoln Police Department recognizes the importance of providing quality police services in schools, since they are vital community institutions serving a large portion of the City's population. School resource officers are assigned to certain schools as resources and providers of police services to their students and staff. (44.1.1)

II. PROCEDURE

A. Purposes of School Resource Officers

1. Support a safe environment for learning in schools, by acting as a delinquency prevention resource, and through patrol, law enforcement, and order maintenance.
2. Provide a full range of community-based police services to the communities composed of public secondary and middle schools.
3. Assist in the instruction of criminal justice, career education, ethics, and other topics, upon the request of faculty.
4. Develop positive personal relationships between officers and youth.

B. Supervision of Program

1. School resource officers are assigned to the community police teams as beat officers. The SRO's assigned schools are considered their beat.
2. Team commanding officers and supervisors are responsible for the supervision of school resource officers and programs provided in the school on their team area and shall maintain liaison with the principals and management staff of these schools.

C. Support to SRO Program

1. The assistant chief of Operations or their designee is responsible for coordination of the SRO program among teams, and liaison with the central administration of the Lincoln Public Schools regarding the SRO program.
2. The Education and Personnel Unit will assist SROs in developing and providing instructional materials and aids.
3. All SROs are required by law to attend a minimum of twenty hours of training focused on school-based law enforcement.

D. SRO Operational Guidelines

1. SROs will call in service via radio and maintain radio contact on their primary dispatch group as practical.
2. Schools should call the normal emergency or non-emergency numbers at the Communications Center to obtain immediate police services or to have an officer dispatched.
3. If possible, SROs should make contact at the school offices when on-duty.
4. Teams shall provide the principals with a basic expected work schedule.
5. All curricula used by SROs within the schools is subject to review and approval by the school administration and faculty.

6. School resource officers are not specifically exempted from any type of investigation or call for service but may request the assignment of an alternate officer, when necessary, subject to supervisors' approval.
7. Interviews of youths as suspects (42.2.1)
 - a. If the youth is 15 years of age or younger, officers may make preliminary inquiries in the field without parental permission. When an investigation focuses on a specific youth as a suspect, permission from the parent or guardian shall be obtained unless to do so would seriously impede the investigation.
 - b. If the youth is 16 or 17 years of age, permission from a parent or legal guardian is not necessary.
 - c. Developmentally appropriate Miranda warnings are required for a custodial interrogation.