School Resource Officers?

Richland County, South Carolina, October 2015

Parkland, Florida, February 2018
Role of the SRO

- Mentors/Informal Counselors
- Educators
- Public Safety Officer
- Restorative Justice
SRO Training

- National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO)
  - Basic SRO Certification
  - Advanced SRO Certification
  - Adolescent Mental Health Training
  - SRO Management Course
- Oregon School Resource Officers Association (OSROA)
- Student Threat Assessment Teams (STAT)
- Sexual Incident Response Committee (SIRC)

- Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)
- National Behavioral Intervention Team Association (NaBITA)
- Fundamentals of Restorative Justice and Facilitation Skills
- Advanced Active Shooter Training
- Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) Training
- Child Abuse Investigations
Cluster Assignments

- **North Detail** – “TBA”
  - SRO Kreis – Roosevelt
  - SROs Newhard – Grant
  - SRO Trummer – Benson
  - SRO Ibarra – Madison
  - SRO Paisley – Parkrose
  - Officer Pelster - Cadets
- **South Detail** – Sgt. Schmautz
  - SRO Hall – Lincoln
  - SRO Richardson – Wilson
  - SRO Stoffel – Franklin
  - SRO Morinville – David Douglas
  - SRO Kulp – David Douglas
  - Officer Saunders - Runaways
- Jefferson and Cleveland are “open”
Portland Police Jurisdiction Responsibilities

- Portland Public Schools
- David Douglas School District
- Parkrose School District
- Centennial School District
- Reynolds School District
- Riverdale School District
- Miscellaneous Charter and Private Schools

*Total number of schools: 189, estimated student population: 76,851*
Madison SRO Carlos Ibarra

**Keeping Schools Safe: Carlos Ibarra**

by Angelica Thornton, KATU News | Tuesday, June 4th 2019

"That’s one of the main misconceptions -- that we spend our time trying to catch kids doing the wrong thing," said Ibarra. "**My job is to keep them out of the criminal justice system.**" Ibarra covers 17 Portland schools, including Madison. He’s specially trained to look for red flags and signs that a student might be in crisis.

"We like to say that we put out a lot of small fires," said Ibarra. "That’s essentially what my role is, to find these little fires and put them out."
Roosevelt SRO Heidi Kreis

• “I was invited into one of my schools to talk about an issue that they had, about language relating to sexual harassment was becoming a problem,” Kreis said.

• Once she finished the presentation, she realized just how big an impact she had.

• “I was approached by a student who came up to me and said, ‘Hey, you look like someone I can trust. Can I tell you something?’” Kreis said.

• What she heard next was something she never expected. The young girl told her that someone she knew was sexually assaulting her since she was five.
Critical Incidents are a reality:

- Rosemary Anderson High School – December 12, 2014 – Four injured
- Reynolds High School – June 10, 2014 – One dead, one injured
- Jason Lee Elementary School – October 4, 2018 – Firearm discharges in school cafeteria
- Roosevelt High School - October 10, 2018 – Youth confronts students with a gun outside school, sending school into lockdown
- Franklin High School – November 30, 2018 – Shots fired during a basketball game, school goes into lockdown, car involved nearly collides into building
- Madison High School – December 4, 2018 – Man confronts students outside school with stolen gun, sends into lockdown
- Parkrose High School – May 17, 2019 – No injuries
Research

• There is a strong relationship between students’ perception of safety and academic success (Ratner, et.al., 2006)

• Disruptive behavior, expulsions, suspensions, officer referrals and arrests all decreased with SROs (Ramey, 2004)

• Presence of SROs led to a 52.3% decrease in arrest rate for assaults and a 72.9% decrease in arrest for weapons possession (Theriot, 2009)

• Juvenile arrests fell nearly 50% between 1994-2009, during the same period SRO programs expanded nationwide (USDOJ, 2011)

• SROI study found $11.13 return in social and economic value for every dollar invested in SRO program, less stress and anxiety for students (Duxbury, et.al., 2018)
PPS Climate Survey, 2018-19

Full report at Panorama Education:
https://secure.panoramaed.com/portlandor/understand/5182768/summary
SRO Services

- Critical Incident Training – staff response to crisis events
- Mapping/contact information/pre-planning for critical events
- Student Threat Assessment Team
- Sexual Incident Response Committee
- Employee/staff safety concerns
- Security and safety at athletic and other extracurricular events
- Welfare checks, community resource gatekeeping
- Child Abuse and DHS Investigations
Intervention and Resource Connection Specialist

- Relationships
- Pre-referral diversion
- Address disparity
- Least intrusive intervention
- Culturally responsive services

Sheryl Goodman
Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, Juvenile Services Division
School Incident Response Data*

• 5211 calls for service at a school site city-wide
• 480 Group A Offenses reported city-wide
• 362 Community events, positive engagement opportunities
• 45 referrals to the Intervention and Resource Connection Specialist and Restorative Justice Coordinator at Multnomah County
• 20 arrests/referrals of youth

*7/1/18 to 6/30/19
Origin of calls for service

**School Resource Officers**

- Self-Initiated: 72%
- School/Community Member: 27%
- Unknown: 1%

**Non-School Resource Officers**

- Unknown: 6%
- Self-Initiated: 24%
- School/Community Member: 70%

n = 2656

n = 2555
SRO Student Arrests 7/1/18 to 6/30/19

Criminal charge dispositions

- Arrest/JDH (9)
- Referral for prosecution (4)
- Arrest/Release to guardian (7)
- Arrest/Release to Janus (2)

None of the arrests were discretionary
None of the arrests have resulted in a sentence of incarceration

Juvenile Services Division dispositions

- DA Diverted/Formal Accountability Agreement completed (8)
- DA Diverted/Formal Accountability Agreement in progress (2)
- Warrant Arrest (3)
- Formal Probation (5)
- Conditional Postponement/RJ Dialogue (1)
- Pending Adjudication (1)
Threat Assessment Metrics

2017-18

2018-19

Unfounded
No lead
FBI
Custody
Administrative

Unfounded
No lead
FBI
Custody
Administrative

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Systemic considerations

• The removal of officers from schools does not absolve staff of mandatory reporting requirements

• As the significance of an event increases, the ability for staff and authorities to exert discretion decreases

• The multidisciplinary approach is a research-based best practice, borne from the child welfare and juvenile justice reform movements dating to the 1970s, recognized as creating better outcomes for youth

• Program aligns with all three of Chief Outlaw's organization goals:
  – Organizational Excellence
  – Crime Prevention and Reduction
  – Community Engagement and Inclusion
Youth Services Division Community Engagement

- Portland Police Bureau/Rosenbaum Youth Camp
- Safety Patrol Training/Picnic
- Police Peace PDX Community Conversation
- Career fairs
- Kickball tournament
- Bicycle Safety Fiestas, Brian Duncan Bicycle Giveaway
- “Shop With A Cop”, Sunshine Division
- Tip-A-Cop for Special Olympics
- Drivers' Education Training
- Thanksgiving Dinner for Foster Youth
- Hundreds more....
“Our nation’s schools should be safe havens for teaching and learning, free of crime and violence. Any instance of crime or violence at school not only affects the individuals involved, but also may disrupt the educational process and effect bystanders, the school itself, and the surrounding community.” - National Center for Education Statistics & Bureau of Justice Statistics