

What is a School Resource Officer?

Here in Seymour, we are very fortunate to partner with our local police department. Part of this partnership allows our schools to have School Resource Officers (SRO's). Our SRO's work for the Seymour Police Department, with their assigned duty being our schools.

A School Resource Officer has a primary role to provide law enforcement-type services to the Seymour Public Schools encouraging everyone to follow all of the

school regulations. SRO's investigate allegations of criminal incidents and make referrals of students to juvenile authorities, when necessary. SRO's also try to develop relationships with students and staff promoting community relations between the police and the schools. Lastly, our SRO's provide campus security to ensure the safety and security of our children and staff throughout the school day. Our SRO's must have the capability to work closely with our building Administration in order to properly handle and address any situation that may arise.

Since student safety is our number one priority, these positions are necessary. We are very fortunate in Seymour to have two School Resource Officers who are assigned to the Seymour Public Schools as well as a Director of Security. It is our hope, as well as the hope of the Seymour Police Department, to provide another SRO next year which will ensure that we have one person assigned to security in each of our four buildings.