

### **School Resource Officer Program**

The school-resource officer program is a cooperative effort between the Spearfish Police Department and the Spearfish School District.

The goal of the SRO program is to provide a safe learning environment in our schools, provide valuable resources to school staff, foster a positive relationship with our District's youth, and develop strategies to resolve problems affecting our youth with the goal of protecting every child so they can reach their fullest potential.

#### Position Description:

- To prevent juvenile delinquency through close contact with students and school personnel.
- To establish liaison with school principals, faculty and students.
- To inform the students of their rights and responsibilities as citizens.
- To provide liaison between students and social agencies that provide needed services.
- To act as a liaison resource in facilitating communication between the principal and police department in investigating alleged criminal law violations occurring in the school or on school property.
- To assist administration and faculty in formulating criminal justice programs.
- To formulate educational crime prevention programs to reduce the opportunity for crimes against persons and property in the schools.
- To participate in campus activities, student organizations and athletic events when invited and feasible.
- To be aware at all times of the responsibility to improve the image of the uniformed law enforcement officer in the eyes of the students and the community.

Adopted

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