

Bethel Board of Education Special Meeting - Joint Meeting Board of Education & Bethel Police Commission

Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:45 PM

Board of Education Conference Room E, Live Stream:

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1. Call to Order

Speaker(s): Policy

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1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. School Resource Officer Program Report

3. Adjourn

School Resource Officers

Roles

What we do



Introduction

- **School Resource Officer Jason Broad**
Bethel High School & Frank A. Berry Elementary School
- **School Resource Officer Amelia Heller**
Bethel Middle School (Liaison for St. Mary School)
- **School Resource Officer Jessenia Beamonte**
R.M.T Johnson Elementary & Anna H. Rockwell Elementary
- ***Officer Gabrielle DiTullio (temporary)***
Bethel Middle School

Our Training to become SRO

- The SRO's have completed 40 hour training taught by NASRO (National Association of School Resource Officers). This training is designed to prepare school resource officers to fulfill their roles in the school setting efficiently.
- The class is based around the SRO "triad"
 - Law Enforcement Officer (Responsibilities of SRO's position)
 - Ethics & the SRO (Building mutual respect & trust between students, parents & staff)
 - Guest Speaker & Teacher (understand the importance of law-related education and be confident in this role)
 - Mentor & Positive Role Model (become more effective as an informal counselor)

Our training through school

Part of several joint committees

- CCT (confidential crisis team)
 - District Safety and Security Team
 - Physical/ Psychological Management trained (P.M.T)
 - Social Emotional Learning trained (SEL)
 - Threat Assessment trained.
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- It is important to understand that SRO's are not trained to discipline students, but be a resource to them when needed. Discipline is solely a school staff and admin responsibility.

Bethel High School

- Walk the hallways
- Check doors
- Developed a presentation on the Dangers of Vaping
- Go to Pro Access once a month
- Adult Mentor
- Guest Speaker in several classes
- Develop and foster positive relationships with students and their families
- Attend various meetings
- Handle minor accidents, vehicle lockouts, medical calls, among other law enforcement type activities
- Speak at career day
- Have a trivia question of the day, and students are rewarded with candy (very popular amongst the student body and staff)

Berry School

- Walk hallways
- Check doors
- Assist with parent drop off
- Have check ins with every class 3-5 times a week
- Do a joke of the day
- Handle all law enforcement activities as described on the previous slide
- Part of the building level safety and security team
- Assist in drills (fire and lockdown)



SRO's Involvement in the Community

- Attend school dances (Proms/ Semi-formals/ ..)
- Assist in the planning of graduation ceremonies for BHS/ BMS
- Find us at Sporting Events
- Car seat technicians
- Crisis Intervention certified
- Community Events (Coffee w/ a cop, Summer events, Trick or Treat, Toy Drive)
- Bicycle Unit
- EMR certified
- Part of school events involving parents.
- Support the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefitting the Special Olympics



Bethel Middle School

- **Safety & Security** (Walk the perimeter of interior and exterior of the school, checking doors, monitoring surveillance, and being present throughout the school day)
- **Mentor** (check in with students, help counselors with being an addition to mentor in another capacity.)
- **Teacher & Guest speaker** (Introduction to an SRO, guest speaker in classes and meeting with parents and their children)
- **Trivia** (daily trivia question)
- **Lunch Brunch**
- **Training** (continuing training in regards to School Laws, and train with school staff)
- **Building relationships** (staff, students, and parents)
- **Attending meetings & School Activities** (School security & Safety, Crisis Intervention, building maintenance)
- **Present for arrival & dismissal** (helping with traffic)
- **Patrol routine calls** (medicals, accidents, suspicious person/ vehicle, routine school calls)
- **Crime Deterrence** (Patrol vehicle)
- **Fire Drill, Lock down Drill, Hold drill and phone/camera checks.**
- **Social Media Safety education.**

R.M.T Johnson School

- Walk hallways
- Check doors
- Assist with parent drop off
- Check in with classrooms
- Handle all law enforcement activities as described on the previous slide
- Present a fall safety assembly with Officer Broad
- Part of the building level safety and security team
- Assist in drills (fire and lockdown)
- Build relationships with not only students but parents as well

Anna H. Rockwell School

- Be present in the building (especially during transitions) to ensure safety (door/perimeter check)
- Assist with parent pick up
- Collaborate with principal regarding student/family concerns when needed (i.e. wellness check/truancy)
- Assist with security issues regarding the building, such as cameras, doors access to school
- Present a fall safety assembly with Officer Broad
- Introduce K-9 Penny
- Handle all law enforcement activities as described on the previous slide
- Part of the building level safety and security team
- Assist in drills (fire and lockdown)
- Building rapport with students based on staff recommendations
- Build relationships in the community, not only with children, but with parents

Bethel Middle School Photos



High School & Berry School



This is what ROARing looks like at Berry School! Thank you Officer Broad for always helping with parent drop off no matter the weather forecast!! #ROAR #SRO @BethelCTSuper @brookskristen1



Johnson & Rockwell School

