

CASTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

ASPEN VIEW ACADEMY SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (REQUEST)

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 20, 2023



HISTORY

OFFICERS IN SCHOOLS



The School Resource Officer (SRO) program is a cooperative agreement between Douglas County School District (DCSD) and Town of Castle Rock (TOCR) regarding a 50 percent cost sharing for school officers

July 2006	Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) – one SRO for Castle View High School (CVHS) followed by two SROs for Castle Rock Middle School (CRMS) and Mesa Middle School (MMS).
July 2013	Following the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary shooting, CRPD and DCSD signed an IGA for School Marshal Officers (SMO) covering the Town's elementary and alternative schools.
Current	All School Marshal Officers became School Resource Officers and provide five (5) officers: three full-time (CVHS, CRMS, MMS) and two covering 16 elementary and alternative schools.

ROLE OF SRO

IS MULTI-FACETED

- Safe and secure learning environments
- Valuable resources to school staff members
- Foster positive relationships with students
- Develop strategies to resolve problems affecting youth
- Protect all students so they can reach their full potential
- School safety and security plans
- Practicing drills (e.g., fire, secure, lock down, shelter in place)
- Investigates/follows up on school threats
- Member of School Crisis Team
- Member of Threat Assessment Team



ROLE OF SRO

UTILIZES A TRIAD CONCEPT

- Educator (i.e., guest lecturer)
- Informal Counselor
 - Work alongside students each school day
 - Build rapport and trusting relationships
 - Identify behavioral concerns early
 - Provides timely intervention
- Law Enforcement Officer



ASPEN VIEW ACADEMY (AVA)

CHARTER SCHOOL PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE

- Serving 1,000 students since August 2012
 - Currently participates in the SRO program
 - Paid DCSD \$13,217 (2022-2023 school year)
- Aspen View Academy's Request
 - Leadership reached out to CRPD to request one full-time SRO
 - CRPD and AVA proposing a five (5) year agreement
 - One full-time SRO fully funded by AVA
 - Includes costs associated with salary, benefits, equipment, police vehicle



BUDGET IMPACTS

- Net Zero
 - AVA reimbursing the full cost: \$252,822.23
 - Following years estimated: \$154,216.87
 - No more than five (5) percent increase in subsequent years



QUESTIONS



STAFF RECOMMENDATION



“I move to approve the Resolution as introduced by title.”

Alternate Motions

“I move to approve the Resolution as introduced by title with the following changes _____.”

“I move to continue this item to a future Town council agenda on _____ date to allow additional time to (list information needed).”