

Personnel

General Personnel Policies

Police-School Liaison Officer Program

Philosophy

Our schools have a unique opportunity to perceive and analyze the problems of children before they become serious problems for society. With this unique opportunity, it is important that schools work closely with the Watertown police and other social agencies to prevent and resolve anti-social patterns of behavior. The Police-School Liaison Officer is established on a cooperative basis to work with youth in detecting and preventing anti-social behavior. Through education, communication, and understanding among the school, police, youth, and family, a safer and more productive learning environment will be secured.

The Police-School Liaison Officer of the Watertown Police Department reports directly to the Investigative Sergeant. However, on day-to-day matters, the officer will be supervised through the combined efforts of the Police Department and school administrators. The School Liaison Officer's major responsibilities are to perform prevention and intervention functions as they relate to the following purposes.

Purposes

1. To promote a sense of safety, and well-being which establishes a productive learning environment committed in or near assigned schools.
2. To focus on positive and preventative strategies which reinforce law and society.
3. To serve as a resource through providing education and interpretation of changes in current law to school staff, parents and pupils.
4. To confer with students in cooperation with school counselors providing for and/or parents constructive referral of students needing additional services.
5. To enforce laws by issuing necessary citations and warnings plus facilitate the investigating/reporting of crimes.
6. To help juveniles and adults gain respect for the police department and school district as helping agencies with the responsibility to protect and serve all citizens.
7. To provide input to staff personnel in both the schools and Police Department in developing and implementing policies.
8. To attend athletic and extracurricular events as scheduled cooperatively with the school administration.

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