



**Las Cruces Police Department
GENERAL ORDERS
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GO-247 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish guidelines and procedures for School Resource Officers.

POLICY

School Resource Officers (SRO) of the Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) are commissioned employees that are assigned to Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) campuses to provide a law enforcement presence on campus, assist in student development, prevent delinquency, and take law enforcement action as needed.

APPLICABILITY

This General Order applies to all commissioned employees. This General Order supersedes all previous versions.

REFERENCES

- CALEA Chapter 44
- NMML OPR.04.05
- Chapter 32A NMSA 1978, Children's Code
- Children, Youth, and Families Department at www.cyfd.org/lawenforcement
- Current LCPD-LCPS contract
- General Order 133 Promotions, Transfers, and Reassignments
- General Order 243 Juveniles
- National School Resource Officers Association, <http://www.nasro.org/>

247.01 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DUTIES

A. The SRO is a visible law enforcement presence on campus to deter, prevent, and respond to crime. The SRO enforces all applicable local and state laws within the LCPD jurisdictional boundaries and assists outside law enforcement agencies as needed. He/she investigates criminal offenses on and around the school campus and notifies the chain of command of his/her activities. The SRO is a resource with respect to delinquency prevention to students, staff and the community. He or she advises school officials on law-related matters, helps assess school safety needs, and serves as a vital link to other emergency personnel. SRO duties also include:



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1. Instructing legal and safety related topics.
 2. Acting as an advisor and conflict mediator to faculty and students. Faculty and students are encouraged to seek advice from the SRO so that issues can be addressed in a positive, trusting atmosphere before it develops into more serious problems.
 3. Role modeling a high level of character and personal integrity and consistently displaying these attributes to faculty and students.
 4. Providing guidance on ethical issues in a classroom setting.
 5. Developing plans and strategies to deal with campus emergencies.
- B. SROs do not enforce LCPS administrative policies but may offer input regarding implementation and enforcement of LCPS administrative policies as requested.

247.02 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SUPERVISOR

- A. The SRO supervisor is responsible for assigning and managing officers assigned as an SRO and liaisons with Las Cruces Public Schools staff to ensure efficient and effective services. The SRO supervisor is also responsible for:
1. Managing the contractual agreement between LCPD and LCPS.
 2. Working with LCPD and LCPS staff to solve problems in the school community.
 3. Ensuring that SROs act as a classroom resource of instruction in law enforcement areas.
- B. The SRO supervisor may assign extra-duty officers to schools when the regularly assigned SRO is unavailable.

247.03 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ASSIGNMENT

- A. SROs are assigned to school campus at the Chief of Police discretion. SROs may be re-assigned at Chief's discretion when school is not in session. SROs will patrol and assist with calls for service in the immediate area surrounding the school campus when time permits. SROs are selected in accordance with General Order 133 Promotions, Transfers, and Reassignments.



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- B. Duty hours are 0800 – 1600 hrs, Monday – Friday, during the school year and may vary when school is not in session.
- C. Daily briefing is conducted at the discretion of the supervisor.
- D. In addition to the mandated training required for all commissioned officers, officers assigned as an SRO are encouraged to complete the following training:
 - 1. Active Shooter Training as soon as practical.
 - 2. Basic SRO - Within 2 years of being assigned to the position.
 - 3. Advanced SRO – Within 2 years of completing BASIC SRO.
 - 4. Tactical Trauma - Within 1 year of being assigned to the position.
 - 5. Additional training provided by the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO)