Role of School Resource Officers in BVSD
Overview

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Multi-layered Approach to School Security
School Resource Officer
School Resource Officer responsibilities

- Sworn officer employed by local law enforcement agency, job description may vary by agency
- Cover an area with multiple schools
- Generally intended to:
  - Protect all students
  - Foster positive relationships with our students
  - Provide valuable resources to school staff, students and families
Mentor

- Relationship building (students, staff, families)
- Member of the school community
- Trusted listener
- Problem solver
Educational Resource

- Training (distracted driving simulator)
- Drug awareness
- Critical incident management/response training
- Parent education
Law Enforcement

- Goal to avoid formal action such as summons
- Problem solve and de-escalate concerns before they become threats
- Threat assessment team member
- Victim support and resource
- Victim advocate in potential self-harm situations
Campus Safety Officer
# BVSD Campus Safety Officer FTE by school

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<th>School</th>
<th>2020-21</th>
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## Campus Safety Officer vs. School Resource Officer

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<td>● BVSD employee - Unit C; Only assigned to high schools</td>
<td>● Employee of Law Enforcement Agency; Provide services to all schools in BVSD</td>
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<td>● Highly visible throughout the school campus</td>
<td>● Extensive training; Continual professional development</td>
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<td>● Provide supervision of students</td>
<td>● P.O.S.T. certified through the Criminal Justice Section of the Colorado AG''s Office</td>
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<td>● Assist administration with safety functions; Enforce school safety policies</td>
<td>● Statutory authority to enforce laws</td>
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<td>● Patrol campus grounds; Address security and safety issues as they present themselves</td>
<td>● Intensive training on conducting criminal and traffic investigations</td>
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<td>● Refer issues to school administrators, counselors or law enforcement</td>
<td>● Review and complete legal documents</td>
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<td>● Parking enforcement on the school campus</td>
<td>● Provide background during threat assessments to include law enforcement intelligence and criminal records</td>
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<td>● Duties extend beyond school day</td>
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*Not an exhaustive list*
Law Enforcement Actions at Schools by School Resource Officers

- Data provided by local law enforcement agencies, shown for at-school activity involving students
- 45 arrests over the past three years in total across 5 agencies
  - White (28), Latino (15), Black (2)
- SRO-issued summons/tickets, compared to demographics
  - Also disproportionately high for Black, Latino students
Arrest Statistics

- Sex Offense: 7
- Controlled substance related: 7
- Assault: 5
- Interference with School/Staff: 5
- Arson: 3
- Marijuana/Tobacco Related: 3
- Warrant Arrest: 3
- Harassment: 2

- Trespassing: 2
- Theft: 2
- Felony Menacing: 1
- Drug Related: 1
- Weapons possession: 1
- False reporting: 1
- Alcohol related: 1
- Violation of Protection Order: 1
## School Resource Officer Summonses 2017-2020

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<th>District population proportion</th>
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Top reasons for summonses/arrests

- Marijuana Related (136 instances)
- Alcohol Related (66)
- Disorderly Conduct (54)
- Drug Related (34)
- Assault (26)
- Trespassing (24)
- Harassment (22)
- Theft (18)
- Damage to Private Property (16)
Additional analyses

● Comparison with two other districts
● Comparison across regions within BVSD
● Examination of drug-related incidents within context of Healthy Kids Colorado Survey data
● Limitations of data generally and relative to questions around special education
Proportionality Data

- Local law enforcement records reported per HB12-1345
  - Two most recent available years for two other districts per Colorado Dept of Justice website
  - Three years for BVSD, from local law enforcement agencies
- Compare demographics of tickets/arrests with population
- Example: Black students received 5.3% of tickets/arrests in BVSD, but make up 1% of the population, a difference of 4.3 percentage points
% - age pt difference in tickets/arrests vs population by district
%-age pt difference in tickets vs population by region
%-age pt difference in tickets/arrests vs population for drugs & alcohol

- Black
- Latino
- White

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- Latino
- White

Drug/Alcohol
Alcohol
Marijuana
Limitations

- The only SRO interactions with students that are documented are ones where a ticket/summons is issued or an arrest made.
- We generally lack individual student information about tickets/summonses, so can’t match student demographics.
Law enforcement called mostly by staff

- Staff initiate 72% of all calls, disproportionately high for Latino (27%), Black (6%) students

- Balance by Student, SRO, Citizen, Unknown, Parent, Other, Medical, Safe2Tell; collectively, also disproportionately high for Latino (23%), Black (6%) students

- Based on 351 events that resulted in an arrest or summons in jurisdictions with sufficiently detailed data over 3 years
Questions?