



High Schools

There are 11 high schools in unincorporated Orange County. Two SRO deputies are assigned to each high school. Building upon the foundation laid in the elementary and middle schools, the high school SRO provides an additional four years of positive interaction. The goal is to guide and develop students into responsible citizens who will positively affect their communities as they move into adult life. The high school SRO may act as a teacher, role model, mentor, coach and counselor. They may guest lecture on many different topics to include drug awareness, domestic violence and gang resistance.

Some high school SROs are also involved in peer mediation, Student Government and Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) Chapters at their schools. Many SROs assist in coaching various school sports throughout the year.

The SRO provides safety programs for the school community as well as law enforcement presence on campus during extracurricular activities and events. The high school SRO also conducts law enforcement investigations and student interventions when necessary. In addition to the high school SROs, the Sheriff's Office also provides SROs at two alternative education schools.



For more information on the M.A.G.I.C., G.R.E.A.T. or S.R.O. program, visit us at:

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Youth Services Section

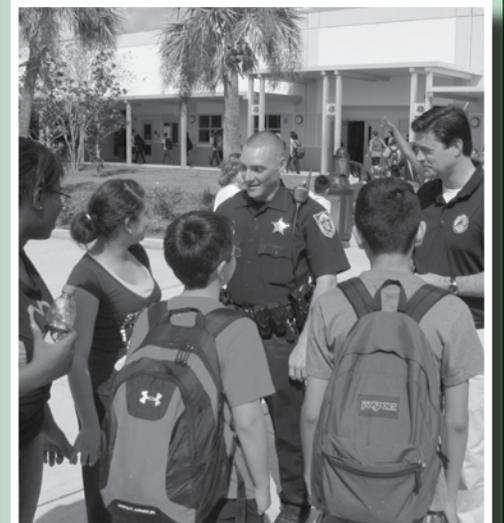
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**In Our
Schools:
M.A.G.I.C.,
G.R.E.A.T.
& SRO's**





The Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) is committed to making our communities and school campuses safe. Research has proven that a safe school environment makes for a better learning environment. Therefore, the Orange County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer (SRO) programs are dedicated to creating a safe school atmosphere as well as building positive relationships between students, parents, and school staff members.

The SRO builds relationships with students through mentoring, counseling and instructing them in drug, violence and gang prevention programs. SRO duties also include assisting with school crossings, school safe plan consultations and participating in parent/teacher/community meetings.

Deputies selected for this program must possess two years of law enforcement experience before they may be considered for acceptance into the OCSO Youth Services Section. They must pass a special unit-based interview and a review of their personnel file.

Elementary Schools

In late 2010, Sheriff Demings formally announced the implementation of the agency's Mentoring, Advising, Guiding, and Instructing Children (M.A.G.I.C.) program. The new curriculum was designed and developed by a committee of agency personnel assigned to the SRO section who had significant experience working with children and classroom instruction. The Orange County Sheriff's Office worked closely with Orange County Public Schools and the University of Central Florida to create a curriculum relevant to the students of Orange County.

The purpose of the M.A.G.I.C. program is to educate our 5th grade students with a focus on drug resistance, character building and positive decision making. The 10 week M.A.G.I.C. curriculum was developed by OCSO school resource officers in order to provide us with the flexibility to educate our children on the topics that are relevant to our community. Among some of the lessons taught in the M.A.G.I.C. program are drug abuse education, bullying, cyber bullying and prescription drug abuse.



Middle Schools

The OCSO continues its positive and preventative efforts in our children's lives by assigning a deputy to each of the 21 middle schools in unincorporated Orange County. The Middle School SRO is dedicated to building rapport and trust between the students, their parents and their community as well as providing a safe environment in which to learn.

The Middle School SRO is also responsible for investigating crimes and maintaining high visibility in and around any campus problem areas. The SRO spends the majority of the day participating in school related activities such as teaching the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) curriculum, student/parent counseling, staff assistance and other law enforcement related activities such as assisting with school crossings and criminal investigations.

