

# School Resource Officers (SRO's) Update



THE SUNRISE CITY  
**FORT PIERCE**  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
"In Honor We Serve"

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# SROs School Assignments

- Chester A. Moore Elementary located at 827 N 29th Street



- Dan McCarty Middle School located at 1201 Mississippi Avenue



# Meet the School Resource Officers

Dan McCarty Middle



Officer Eddie Dove

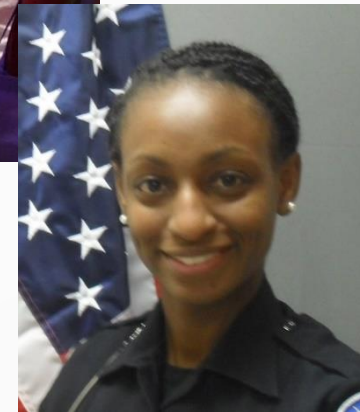
C. A. Moore Elementary



Officer Jorge Goz

# Meet the School Resource Officers

## SRO Alternate



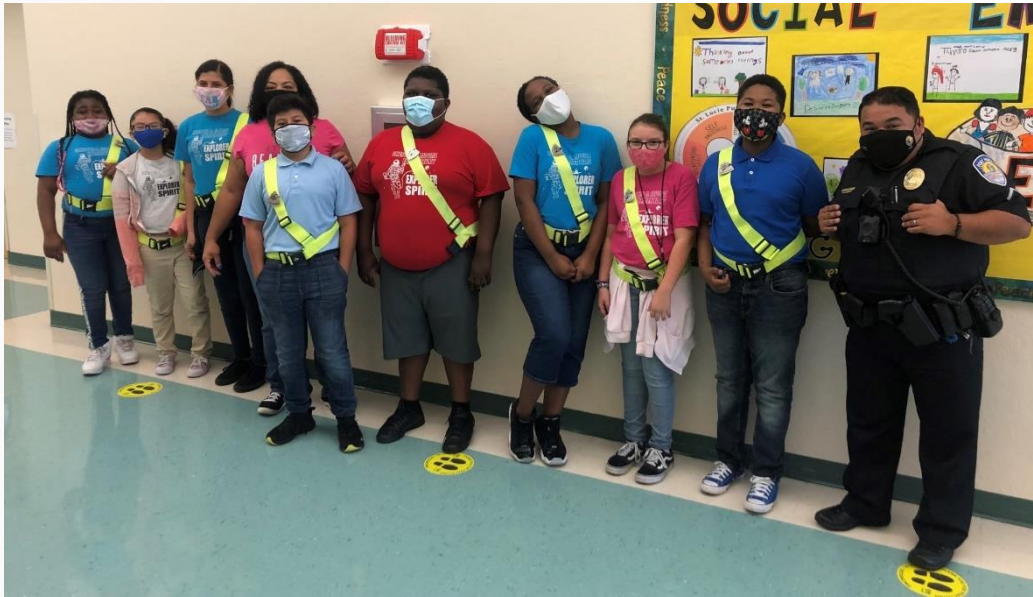
## Officer Clermise Smith

All of our Officers who are assigned as SROs are certified by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as School Resource Officers.

## Implementation :

Thanks to funding from the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA), the Fort Pierce Police Department (FPPD) was able to re-implement the School Resource Officers on August 12, 2019.

FPPD partnered with the Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office School Resource Deputy Division for certification and participation in ongoing training.



## SROs have defined roles:

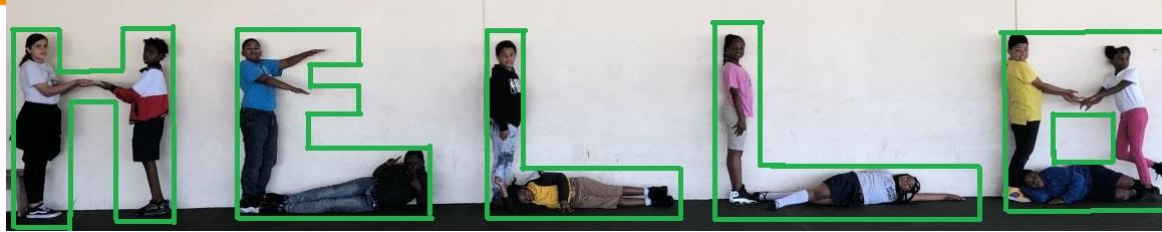
- SROs develop comprehensive safety plans to ensure our schools are safe places for our students to learn.
- They build everlasting relationships with the Students
- The SROs are not disciplinarians and are not involved in school administrative or disciplinary issues.
- Campus checks
- Greeting of students, staff, and visitors
- Fire and Safety Drills
- Partner up with School Guidance Counselors and Social Workers to assure proper assistance is provided.

# Examples of Reports taken by SROs:

- Assault/ Battery
- Baker Acts
- Unlawful Content Distribution
- Drug Possession
- Disturbance
- Information Report
- Theft
- Trespassing
- Truancy
- School Threats



# Building Relationships



Besides their daily law enforcement duties, School Resource Officers cultivate relationships with students and the community. Their roll is not limited to safety, but also of support and mentorship for students.

The SROs facilitate road patrol and other divisions of the city to attend School Events:

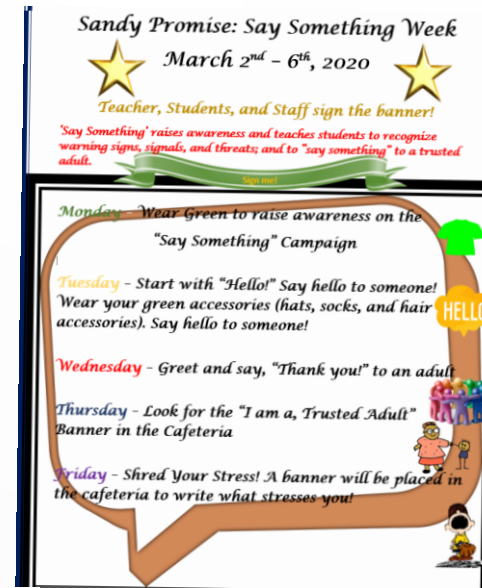
- "Tunnel of Hope"
- "Literacy Day"
- "Dads Take their Kids to School Day"
- "See Something Say Something"
- "Courageous Kids at First Step Park"



School Resource Officers take the initiative in creating opportunities to enhance the school experience for the students and the community.

School Resource Officers lead programs such as:

- Safety Patrol
- Sandy Promise: Say Something Week
- Great American Clean Up -restoring the school garden
- Buddy Bench – promoting Anti Bullying in schools



In March 2020 Public Schools were closed Due to COVID – 19.

Even though the Saint Lucie County School Board closed campus attendance, students still continued with their education via virtual school. The School Resource Officers assisted by helping with laptop deployment. SROs conducted welfare checks when schools advised students where not logging into the virtual system. The checks were done in order to assist the household with navigating the system or providing information for resources; such as, free internet provided by the School Board. In addition the School Board had a lunch program for families. The SRO's assisted in feeding their students and maintaining relationships with them. When not fulfilling SRO duties, the SRO's were assigned to the Patrol Division within the FPRA boundary.



# What's New This Year:

SROs are back on campus! This school year, SROs are not only assisting and making sure students are staying safe they assist with the Virtual Learning students.



Additionally, thanks to FPRA funded Segways, SROs are able to travel around school expediently. Segways improve student and staff safety by reducing SRO response times and increasing the efficiency of campus patrol.

# FPPD School Resource Officers



Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency, thank you for your support!!