



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

ROLE OF THE SRO

The **primary role** of School Resource Officers is to contribute to healthy communities by engaging with students and empowering them to make positive decisions.

SROs regularly interact with students in various capacities, including lockdown drills, school presentations, and extracurricular activities. They may also engage with students based on their conduct or behaviour in or around the school.

SROs are dedicated to student engagement more than enforcement, and are available in the schools to help you and your children if you have questions or concerns about:

- How to stay safe
- Policing (in the community or as a possible career)
- Canadian law and the legal system
- Bullying or cyberbullying

If a student is involved in a matter under the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) resulting in charges or referrals to diversion by the SRO, the parent or guardian will be notified. Additionally, the SRO, school staff or administration may contact parents at their discretion regarding student behaviour in school.

SRO PRESENCE IN SCHOOLS

As most officers are assigned to support more than one school, you likely will not see your SRO at the school every day. The officers work with school administration to determine the days that are most beneficial for them to be at the school.

If you'd like to know whether your SRO will be at the school on any given day, please connect with your school main office.

LOCKDOWNS & DRILLS

A school lockdown is a procedure initiated when school officials believe there is a credible threat to student and staff safety. Lockdown policies and procedures are established by the school board.

The goal of a lockdown is to keep students and staff safe by requiring everyone in the school to take shelter in a secure location within the building.

In Calgary, schools are required to practise lockdowns the same way they practise fire drills. Lockdown drills help school staff and students know the proper procedures in an emergency. School Resource Officers help schools with lockdown drills during the year.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN A LOCKDOWN DRILL

Lockdowns and lockdown drills begin with an interior announcement and alarm. Students should take direction from their teachers while the lockdown is in effect.

Police officers will attend each classroom, office and school space to check on students and staff, provide information and answer questions. If you or your children require support, or if you have questions or concerns about lockdowns or lockdown drills, please connect with your school administration or your School Resource Officer.



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REPORT A CRIME

School Resources Officers can assist students who want to report crimes that have occurred on school property.

If you need support from your SRO on a day when they are not at the school, connect with the main office, who can get in touch with your designated officer.

For emergencies or to report crimes in progress, **call 911**.



SRO REIMAGINATION PROJECT

In 2020, The Calgary Police Service committed to being relentless in its pursuit of dismantling systemic racism and becoming an anti-racist, equitable and inclusive police service. As part of these commitments, the Service is dedicated to fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment through the School Resource Officer (SRO) program.

The CPS is aware of the lived, negative experience of many equity-deserving students and their families with police. Informed by lessons learned over the years, including broad ranging consultation with community about community-focused programming, the SRO program is committed to implementing a program which considers and aims to meet the needs of all Calgary students.

The CPS continues to work through recommendations to enhance the SRO program. Progress updates are available on calgarypolice.ca.