

# Town of Somers SRO Position Description

**Purpose:** The Somers School Resource Officer (SRO) is a collaborative program amongst law enforcement, town officials, and school personnel to provide police services to school occupants and to school grounds for a safe learning and working environment.

**Position Summary:** The School Resource Officer (SRO) supports and facilitates the educational process within the Somers Public school System by providing a safe and secure environment through establishing and maintaining meaningful relationships with students and staff. The SRO proactively interacts with the school community to ensure the enforcement of town ordinances and state laws, preserves public order, protection of life and property, and the prevention, detection, or investigation of crimes. The SRO monitors school property, internally and externally to protect students, staff and visitors from criminal activity. The SRO works effectively with students, parents, school personnel and community agencies to support teaching and learning in the schools.

## **Essential Duties:**

Maintain high visibility in all schools on a daily basis.

Monitor school property for suspicious activity, unauthorized persons on the grounds and unauthorized entry into the school(s)

Make arrests/ referrals when necessary to protect students, staff and school property

Assist managing traffic during morning drop off and afternoon dismissals

Work with school officials to develop, implement, and maintain safety and security protocols

Assist administration to identify and deter delinquent behavior, substance and alcohol abuse, and any other activities that negatively affect daily school operations

Conduct security building assessments for the schools and its grounds

Provides occasional in-service training to help administrators with security, effective investigation techniques and other law related topics

Provides occasional classroom presentations in collaboration with teachers

The SRO is a town employee and falls under the direct supervision of the assigned supervisor to the Somers Resident State Trooper's Office. Normally a State Police Sergeant or an Administrative Resident Trooper. **The above SRO duties are an overview of this assignment.**