## **Camas Police Department School Resource Officer Program**



## History

The Camas Police Department has assigned Officers to the School Resource Officer program for over 20 years. In 2020, there was an increase from 1 to 2 assigned School Resource Officers to better serve the needs of this critical part of our community. There are currently about 1,000 staff and 7,000 students in the Camas school system. The SRO program provides public safety service to this significant demographic in our community.

Officer Brent Mayhugh has been assigned to the SRO program since September 2020. Officer Henry Scott has been assigned to the SRO program since 2022.





## 2023 Overview

In the 2022-2023 school year, the Camas Police Department had two School Resource Officers assigned. The Officers rotate coverage a month at a time with one covering Camas High School and one covering the other schools. This allows for increased relationship building and familiarity with staff, students, parents and campuses for all schools.



The 2022-2023 school year SRO activities included the following types of outreach:

- Greeting students and staff
- Engaging students during lunch time
- Participating in Police Activity League events
- Engaging in Parent Teacher Association events
- Talking with students about career opportunities
- Education about safety and laws
- Participating in school safety meetings
- School zone traffic enforcement
- School assembly on cross walk and bike safety
- Attending school events

The Officers also took calls and conducted follow-up in the following areas:

- Mental Health related issues and suicidal thoughts/actions
- Unsafe home conditions including domestic violence
- Follow-up to concerns from Principals and other school staff, parents, and students
- Medical issue-assisted and contacted EMS
- After school activities including fights, fireworks, and graffiti
- Threats
- Social media posts related to school and student safety
- Other criminal activity where students were a witness or victim
- Drug use/dealing
- Nude photograph taking/sharing
- Runaways

The SRO program continues to add valuable public safety services to our school community and our Officers are invested in keeping our schools safe for all.