

Tualatin Police Department SRO Program



Program Update After
Community Review Process

History of the Tualatin Police Department SRO Program

- Tualatin Police Department has partnered with Tigard-Tualatin School District since 1987.
- Throughout those 34 years the SRO Program grew from one officer to three officers.
- In the last full school year two SRO's were assigned to Tualatin High School and one SRO was assigned to Hazelbrook Middle School.
- The SRO's are responsible for the three elementary schools in the city of Tualatin as well as one charter school and two private schools.
- Tualatin SRO's are all certified GREAT curriculum instructors and have taught Great during summer programs since 1994.
- SRO's role has constantly evolved over the past 30 years to include new responsibilities and training.
- In the Fall of 2020 the city of Tualatin partnered with the Tigard-Tualatin School District for a community review of the SRO program.

Summary of Community Process

In partnership with the Tigard Tualatin School District (TTSD), the City of Tigard and its Police Department, and the City of Tualatin and its Police Department, contracted facilitators were tasked to conduct group listening sessions and interviews.

These sessions occurred in the Fall of 2020 with students, staff, administrators, the police departments, parents and community members to learn more about the School Resource Officer (SRO) program in the schools.

Community surveys indicated overwhelming, but not 100%, support for the program. The facilitators encapsulated participants' experiences, perspectives, concerns, and hopes for the future of the SRO program.

After completing the process six key themes emerged from the listening sessions and interviews.

Key Themes from Facilitators Report

- Perception of Safety
- Student & Staff Interaction with SRO's
- Lack of Clarity Around SRO Roles and Responsibilities
- Feedback and Continuous Improvement
- Structural Issues
- Socio-Political Issues

SRO Return to School and Contract

- Two Tualatin PD SRO's will return to Tualatin High School May 3rd, 2021.
- The SRO's will also be responsible for responding to calls, presenting to classes, and addressing issues at all other schools in the city of Tualatin.
- The proposed contract is for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year and the entirety of the 2021/2022 school year.
- Establishes SRO task force that ensures new responsibilities of the District and SRO's are being met.

Essential Responsibilities of SRO's

- Be present at the school to ensure safety of students and staff.
- Respond to emergency calls for service if within proximity of school.
- Investigate child abuse referrals that involve students at various schools within the district.
- Attend school related staff meetings and integrate with school staff.
- Attend bi-monthly meetings with student Affinity and Alliance groups.
- Participate with school district Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training.
- Investigate any criminal allegations that have a school nexus.

Questions?