



School Resource Officer's Duty Summary

The School Resource Officers (SRO) supports and facilitates the educational process within the Bellefontaine City Schools (BCS) by providing a safe and secure environment through building and establishing meaningful relationships with students and staff. SRO's will be proactively interacting with the school community to ensure the enforcement of city and state laws, protection of life and the prevention, detection, or investigation of crime. The SRO's will proactively educate students, staff, and community on drugs, drug abuse, and drug prevention. SRO's will work effectively with students, parents, BCS personnel, and community to support teaching and learning in BCS.

To also include the following duties;

- 1) Patrol BCS property for suspicious activity, unauthorized persons on campus, or unauthorized entry before, during, and after hours. Conduct routine patrols of BCS facilities and property.
- 2) Provide in-service training to help administrators, staff, and students be better prepared to deal with emergencies and safety/security issues.
- 3) Work with the administration, staff, and students to better understand the role of law enforcement in a school environment.
- 4) Proactively communicate with the school's leadership and collaborate with school's administration on safety protocols and procedures.
- 5) Provide classroom presentations on crime prevention, concepts, and structure of the law. Assist teaching law related education, substance abuse education, de-escalation techniques, and conflict resolution to students and staff.
- 6) Identify and prevent (through counseling and referral) delinquent behavior, including drug and alcohol addiction and abuse.
- 7) Serve as liaison between the BCS administration, staff, students, parents, and law enforcement for matters involving the BCS, staff, and students during investigations.
- 8) Make arrests **ONLY** when necessary to protect students, staff and BCS property.



SRO Doug Walters

I graduated from Indian Lake High School in 1991. I began my law enforcement career in 1994 working for the Norwood Police Department and Golf Manor Police Department as a dispatcher. I also worked for a private ambulance service as an EMT that serviced Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. During this time, I attended Great Oaks Police Academy (Cincinnati) and graduated in 1995. I was hired as a police dispatcher with the Bellefontaine Police Department January 22, 1996. While assigned to dispatch at the Bellefontaine Police Department, I also worked as a part-time police officer with Washington Township Police Department. I moved to the patrol division at Bellefontaine Police Department in April 2002 where I spent most of my time assigned to third shift. During my time on patrol, I was assigned different roles to include the Special Response Team (SWAT), Distraction Device Instructor, OVI Specialist, Driving Simulators, A.L.I.C.E. Instructor, Field Training Officer (FTO), and now the School Resource Officer (SRO). In those roles I have received advance training in drug and criminal identification and interdiction, gang identification and prevention, OVI detection, special weapons and tactics, de-escalation techniques, and crisis intervention. In 2017, I was selected along with Officer Huffman as the first School Resource Officers for the Bellefontaine Police Department and Bellefontaine City Schools. We attended specialized training to take on these new positions.