



Safer schools, safer kids...

NASRO BEST PRACTICES

Number of SRO's deployed per student (Topics to consider)

Message from NASRO Executive Director, Mo Canady:

- **Feb. 16, 2018 – Washington D.C.** – During a meeting at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the [National Association of School Resource Officers](#) (NASRO) called for more funding to place carefully selected, properly trained school resource officers (SROs) in every school in the United States. NASRO executive director Mo Canady made the comments during a “Law Enforcement National Stakeholder Organizational Briefing” hosted by the DOJ’s Bureau of Justice Assistance, which scheduled the meeting long before Wednesday’s tragic, mass shooting in a Florida high school.
- “If we are truly interested in keeping students safe at school, we as a nation must fund professional SROs,” Canady said. “There are unfortunately no perfect solutions to the school shooting problem. But SROs – who are sworn law enforcement officers with special training for working in schools – provide a layer of security that cannot be achieved by so-called, ‘armed guards,’ who are not sworn officers. SROs build valuable, positive relationships with students, faculty and parents that often enable the SROs to obtain information on planned violent acts before they occur.”
- In addition to improving security, SROs bridge gaps between youth and law enforcement, mentor students and serve as guest lecturers in classrooms.

The common thought has been to place **1 SRO per every 1000 students**. **NASRO** suggest that school districts and communities deploy at the very minimum one School Resource Officer in every school. Below are a list of other factors to consider for multiple SROs per school.

Other Factors To consider:

- Size of the campus (Acreage and Number of buildings)
- School Climate and location
- Number of non-sworn safety team members on campus