2016 Survey of Law Enforcement Personnel in Schools (SLEPS) Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Survey

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INSTRUCTIONS

- This survey should be completed by a representative who is most knowledgeable about your agency's employment of and policies regarding law enforcement officers working in schools.
- This survey uses the following terms and definitions:
 - School Resource Officer (SRO): any officer who is primarily assigned to any public K-12 schools, regardless of sworn status, arrest powers, and employment status (full-time or part-time), unless otherwise specified in the question
 - SRO program: your agency's employment of officers who are primarily assigned to any K-12 public schools, regardless of sworn status, arrest powers, and employment status (full-time or part-time), unless otherwise specified in the question
- The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended (42 USC 3732), authorizes this information collection. Although this survey is voluntary, we need your participation to make the results comprehensive, accurate, and timely. We greatly appreciate your assistance.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Which best describes your agency? Please mark all that apply.
 - Police department, municipal
 - Police department, county
 - State/highway department
 - Sheriff's Office
 - Tribal
 - Independent School District
 - Other (please specify): _____
- 2. As of August 31, 201X, how many sworn full-time officers with general arrest powers did your agency employ?

3.	tim	of August 31, 201X, how many of the following full- e and/or part-time officers were primarily assigned to public K-12 schools?	Number of full- time officers	Number of part-time officers
	a.	Sworn officers with general arrest powers	·	
	b.	Sworn officers with limited arrest powers		
	c.	Nonsworn officers	·	
	d.	Total		
			IF 0 FULI	L-TIME

IF 0 FULL-TIME OFFICERS—GO TO END OF SURVEY

4.	Do any of these sworn officers with general arrest powers (number reported in item 3a) who are primarily assigned to public K-12 schools	Yes	No	None employed
	a. carry a firearm while working in schools?			
	b. wear a uniform while working in schools?			

5.	Do any of these sworn officers with limited arrest powers (number reported in item 3b) who are primarily assigned to public K-12 schools	Yes	No	None employed
	a. carry a firearm while working in schools?			
	b. wear a uniform while working in schools?			
6.	Do any of these nonsworn officers (number reported in item 3c) who are primarily assigned to public K-12 schools	Yes	No	None employed
	a. wear a uniform while working in schools?			
7	De any of the following officers receive an eiglized			

7.	Do any of the following officers receive specialized School Resource Officer (SRO) training?	Yes	No	None employed
	a. Sworn officers with general arrest powers			
	b. Sworn officers with limited arrest powers			
	c. Nonsworn officers			

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SRO PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

8.	Enter the number of SROs in your agency by race/Hispanic origin and sex, regardless of sworn status, arrest powers, and employment status:	Male	Female
	a. White, not of Hispanic origin		
	b. Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin		
	c. Hispanic or Latino		
	d. American Indian or Alaska Native, not of Hispanic origin		
	e. Asian, not of Hispanic origin		
	f. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, not of Hispanic origin		
	g. Two or more races		
	h. Race/Hispanic origin not known		
	TOTAL SROs (SUM OF A-H)		

- 9. In what year did your agency's SRO program start?
- 10. What is the funding source for your SRO program? Please mark all that apply
 - Federal grant
 - State/Local grant
 - Law enforcement agency
 - School district
 - Other—please specify: _____

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	pro	ogram? If none, please enter '0'			Number
	a.	Elementary schools			·
	b.	Middle/Junior high schools			·
	c.	High schools			·
11a.		e any of the schools served by your SRO	Yes	No	Don't know
	a.	Charter schools			
	b.	Alternative schools			
12.		es your SRO program serve private schools? Yes No			
13.		general, do officers in your agency perform SRO func do they rotate to other assignments at times?	tions as a con	ntinuous	assignment
		Continuous assignments \longrightarrow GO TO QUEST: Rotate to other assignments at times	ION 14		
13a.	_	F QUESTION 13 RESPONSE IS ROTATE] How of ease mark only one	îten do these	rotations	occur?
		Only during summer when school is not in session. Every year			
		Every few years Rotations occur on an individual basis with each SR Other—please specify:			

SRO POLICIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 14. What form of agreement is in place between your agency's SRO program and the school(s)/school districts? Please mark all that apply.
 - Memorandum of understanding (MOU)
 - Contractual agreement, such as through a grant or other basis
 - Legislation
 - Verbal agreement
 - Other—please specify: ____
 - There is no formal agreement

15. Please consider the policies guiding your SRO program when completing the following questions. Select the **most appropriate** category below, when answering questions about your program's characteristics.

Please mark only one for each row. If there is an MOU in place between your agency and the school district, please provide a copy.

	SRO program characteristic	Addressed within a formal contract or MOU between your agency and the school district	No formal contract but decided with input from the school district	Addressed solely through internal law enforcement agency policy with no input from the school district
a.	The number of officers in your SRO program			
b.	The schedule (e.g., before the school day begins, the full school day, etc.) that officers in your SRO program will spend at school			
c.	The role of officers in your SRO program			
d.	The expectations regarding citations and referrals by officers in your SRO program			
e.	The primary areas of focus (e.g., education, mentoring, gangs, drugs, etc.) by officers in your SRO program			
f.	Expectations regarding collaboration with school administration and teachers by officers in your SRO program			
g.	Expectations for working with students and parents by officers in your SRO program			
h.	Procedures for resolving disagreements between school administrators and officers in your SRO program			

16. Indicate whether each law enforcement activity is performed by any of your agency's SROs, as defined by agency policies or agreements with their assigned schools/school districts.

Please mark all that apply.

		Type of SRO Performing Each Activity		
Lav	v enforcement activity	with general	Sworn officers with limited arrest powers	Nons worn office rs
a.	Patrolling school facilities			
b.	Issuing citations			
c.	Responding to calls for service on the school campus			
d.	Emergency management/crisis preparedness planning			
e.	Security audits/assessments of school campuses			
f.	Making arrests			
g.	Responding to incidents in the classroom			

17. Indicate whether each law enforcement activity is performed by any of your agency's SROs, as defined by agency policies or agreements with their assigned schools/school districts.

Please mark all that apply.

		Type of SRO Performing Each Activity			
Me	ntoring activity	with general	Sworn officers with limited arrest powers	Nons worn office rs	
a.	Truancy intervention				
b.	Supervising/coordinating non-athletic extra-curricular activities				
c.	Field trip chaperone				
d.	Coaching athletic programs				
e.	Advising school staff, students, or families (one-on-one, in a group, etc.)				

18. Indicate whether each teaching activity is performed by any of your agency's SROs, as defined by agency policies or agreements with their assigned schools/school districts. Please mark all that apply.

		Type of SRO	Performing Eac	h Activity
Tea	ching activity	Sworn officers with general arrest powers	Sworn officers with limited arrest powers	Nons worn office rs
a.	Teaching students about drugs, legal issues, safety, crime awareness, or conflict resolution			
b.	Special safety programs / presentations			
c.	Faculty / staff in-service presentations			
d.	Parent organization presentations			

 Please indicate whether the following items are worn or carried by any of your agency's SROs while on the school campus. Please mark all that apply.

		Type of SRO Wearing or Carrying the Item			the Item
Iten	n	Sworn officers with general arrest powers	Sworn officers with limited arrest powers	Nons worn officers	N/A; Officers do not wear or carry this item
a.	A regulation uniform identical or highly consistent with your agency's standard uniform				
b.	Baton/nightstick				
c.	OC Spray/foam				
d.	Conducted energy device (e.g. Taser)				
e.	Body-worn camera				
f.	Firearm				
g.	Other—please specify:				

20. Do agency policies or agreements with schools require SROs to have regular meetings with school executive staff, such as the principal, while on assignment?

Yes
No

21. According to agency policies or agreements with schools, when must an SRO inform school executive staff of the following? Please mark all that apply

	Action	Prior to action	Immediately following action	Following Action whenever practical	Not required to inform executive staff	No policy regarding communication of action
a.	Stop, question, and interview of student/staff					
b.	Conduct investigation					
c.	Question students during school hours					
d.	Question school employees during school hours					
e.	Arrest of student during school hours					
f.	Arrest of school employee during school hours					
g.	Search premises					
h.	Search student					
i.	Use of force on student that does not result in arrest					

SRO RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND SUPERVISION

22.	Do schools participate in the selection process when your agency recruits and hires SROs?
	Yes
	\square No \longrightarrow GO TO QUESTION 23
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22a.	[IF QUESTION 22 RESPONSE IS YES] How does the school participate? Please mark all that apply.
	Through active recruitment of officers
	Through participation in requirements/selection criteria
	By reviewing SRO candidates prior to selection
	By providing feedback on SROs after placement to help determine a "good fit"
	Other—please specify:
23.	How does your agency select officers for the SRO program? Please mark all that apply.
	Through an application process from within the department
	Through an application process external to the department (i.e. officers are hired
	specifically to be SROs)
	By nomination of officers from within the department
	Through assignment as part of regular duty schedule
	As a result of input and/or recommendations by school(s)/school district
	Other—please specify:
24.	Which entities provide training to officers in your LEA's SRO program? Please mark all
	that apply.
	Our agency itself
	NASRO and/or other national officer organizations'
	An office or department within our state
	Other—please specify:

25. Does your agency provide training to its SROs on the following law enforcement activities/topics?

Please note that the 'Any' category refers to general training on the topic, including initial training such as that received during academy training. SRO-specific training refers to training provided only to SROs as part of the SRO program and not required of other assignments.

		Sworn Officers with General Arrest Powers			Sworn Officers with Limited Arrest Powers			Nonsworn Officers		
L	aw enforcement activity/topic	Any	SRO-	Not provided	Any	SRO-	Not provided	Any	SRO-	Not provided
a.	Conducting law enforcement activities in schools									
b.	Responding to calls for service on the school campus									
c.	Responding to incidents in the classroom									
d.	Juvenile gangs									
e.	Social media monitoring/techno logy-related investigations									
f.	Use of deadly force									
g.	Use of less lethal force									
h.	De-escalation strategies and techniques									

26. Does your agency provide training to its SROs on the following **prevention and planning activities**?

Please note that the 'Any' category refers to general training on the topic, including initial training such as that received during academy training. SRO-specific training refers to training provided only to SROs as part of the SRO program and not required of other assignments.

		Sworn Officers with General Arrest Powers			Sworn Officers with Limited Arrest Powers			Nonsworn Officers		
Prevention and planning activity		Any	SRO-	Not provided	Any	SRO-	Not provided	Any	SRO-	Not provided
a.	Crisis preparedness planning									
b.	Security audits/ assessments of school campuses									
c.	Truancy inter- vention and dropout prevention									
d.	Bullying deterrence									
e.	Substance abuse recognition									
f.	Teaching students about drugs, legal issues, safety, crime awareness, or conflict resolution									
g.	Special safety programs/ presentations									

27. Does your agency provide training to its SROs on the following **social and behavioral topics**?

Please note that the 'Any' category refers to general training on the topic, including initial training such as that received during academy training. SRO-specific training refers to training provided only to SROs as part of the SRO program and not required of other assignments.

		Sworn Officers with General Arrest Powers			Sworn Officers with Limited Arrest Powers			Nonsworn Officers		
	Social and		SRO-	Not		SRO-	Not		SRO-	Not
	behavioral topic	Any	specific	provided	Any	specific	provided	Any	specific	provided
a.	Conducting mentoring activities, including advising staff, students, and/or families									
b.	Positive school discipline									
c.	Student mental health									
d.	Cultural sensitivity and/or cultural competency									
e.	Child/adolescent psychology/devel opment									
f.	Students with disabilities									
g.	Restorative justice (emphasis on school community, conflict resolution by repairing harm)									

28. Do agency policies require supervisors to visit schools for the purpose of observing SROs on a periodic basis?

Yes	
No	GO TO QUESTION 29

28a. [IF QUESTION 28 RESPONSE IS YES] How often? Please mark only one

Other—please specify: _____

- Once a month
- At least twice a year
- Once a year
- 29. Does your agency collect data on any of the following measures related to the activities of SROs and the schools they serve? Yes No a. Number and/or type of suspensions recorded at school b. Number and/or type of property crimes reported at school c. Number and/or type of substance violations recorded at school (e.g. Π possession, use, buying/selling) d. Number and/or type of reports of violence at school e. Number and/or type of arrests made by SRO Number and/or type of citations issued by SRO..... f. Number and/or type of classes/programs taught by SRO..... g. h. Number and/or type of mentoring activities performed by SRO i. Outreach to faculty/staff performed by SRO..... j. Outreach to parents/community performed by SRO Number and/or type of use of force incidents..... k.

30. In addition to this survey, we provided you with a form to list all of the sworn officers with general arrest powers from your jurisdiction who are primarily assigned to work in K-12 public schools. We will use this list to randomly select some of these individual officers to receive a survey about activities they perform. Included on the form is guidance for anonymizing the list of officers should you prefer not to provide direct identification of the officers.

Are you willing to provide this information?

- Yes—please complete the Officer Roster Form
- No-please indicate why you are not willing to provide this information:

END. Thank you very much. Those are all the questions we have for you.