

Presenter: Officer Jeff Grady

Work location: Grand Junction Police Department

Chief: John Camper

Area covered: 3 School Resource Officers for 26 schools
in Grand Junction.

1 main high school

3 alternative high schools

4 middle schools

13 elementary schools

5 charter or church schools

22,000 students in Mesa County Schools

44 schools total

4 SRO's Mesa County Sheriff

(SRO)

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Three prong approach

Education

Prevention

Enforcement

In that order!

Education

Students / classroom LRE / SRO office / hallways / Principals or AP office

Officer Education / Dr. Jim Corbin, Corbin & Associates / Principals / Aps / students / teachers / parents / area businesses / neighborhoods / DEPARTMENTS

Prevention

Positive activities / Coaching / Shop with a Cop / Bowl with a Cop / dances / fund raises (cancer association) band / choir / plays / academic competition /

Enforcement

Learn about the student / Who do you live with? / Nisley Elementary ½ of the 5th graders had parent in prison. That child does not need a ticket they resources.

WARNINGS / alternatives / parents / school / counselors

Muni court / small fines – reports 500 to 1000 Judge Carry McGinnis

County court / two levels of diversion / George Henderson (30 yr. police)

Resources

Schools

Counselors / coaches / teacher / crisis teams / staff (lunch ladies) :)

Partners

Department of Human Services (Beyond Control of a Parent program)

Churches Youth groups Cannon View Vineyard Church (ropes course)

Businesses / JOBS / financial support for kids / free stuff when we catch kids making changes or doing positive things / Pepsi wrote SRO into 10 year school contract

Other Officers / Rocky Baldozier Native American / Randy Earl African American, Vikings/ Cindy Cohn Female pro softball pitcher / Kevin Bavor Youth Pastor

Military / SRO David Godwin / Keith Wilson jumped out of airplanes

Mental Health / Mind Springs

Probation / reinforces the need for juvenile to stay out of trouble

Department of Youth Corrects / VISIT kids in jail, parent's written permission

College / Colorado Mesa University / allows us to let kids and families in for free

Suicide prevention coalition

Cancer Association / past law making tobacco illegal for juveniles

CASRO

SRO / connected to all three levels / cell phone of AP's & principals & counselors

For history on students & families

High school (one)

Middle School (four)

Elementary School (twenty three)

Traits an SRO must have or develop

*Compassion

*Care

*Understanding

*Problem Solving

*Sense of Humor

School Safety

Lockdown drills

Getting each school personal thinking about what they can and will do in a CRISIS

Personal connections to school / the staff can take criticism or suggestions better

Challenges

SRO's not trained (40 hour minimum) plus active shooter training

SRO's forced to be in schools

Departments not supporting SRO approach

Many older command staff members are ex-military and think old school about enforcement (put people in jail – write tickets) Jails and Prisons are full!!!!!!!!!!

I have spent my entire career (28 years) trying to NOT look like or act like the normal polished and shined stuffy, robotic, arrest making, ticket writing police Officers!

Father of three sons

CASRO

21 years as an SRO most in the state per CASRO

Pepsi contract

Employee of the Year Mesa County (MCSO 1994)

Greg Assenmacher life time achievement Award (GJPD 2014)

Red Cross Award (2014)

Bike team

Swat team

Self-defense instructor