

## School Resource Officers

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### Issue

This report identifies towns in Connecticut utilizing school resource officers in their public schools and the associated costs for those officers.

### Summary

School resource officers (SROs) are sworn police officers who typically perform a number of community policing roles to make schools safer for students and staff, including community liaison, mentor, role model, and law enforcement officer. They also may assist in the development of school policies that concern criminal activity and school safety, as well as teach classes in substance abuse awareness, gang resistance, and crime prevention.

The Office of Legislative Research, with the assistance of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, surveyed and researched 113 public school districts in Connecticut to learn whether SROs are utilized in their elementary, middle, or high schools. Of the 113 districts, 70 were found to be utilizing SROs in some manner. SROs in Connecticut are primarily assigned to middle and high schools but often visit elementary schools in their district. Financial cost per SRO varies between municipalities and is sometimes unknown to the district. Generally SROs are funded by the board of education or provided by local police departments through memoranda of understanding (MOU) with the school district. OLR Report [2014-R-0103](#) details the use of MOUs between police departments and school districts in Connecticut.

### SRO Survey Results

Table 1 details which districts utilize SROs, the number of SROs in each district and their school assignments, the financial cost to the district (if any) per SRO, and the method of funding.

**Table 1: School Resource Officers in Connecticut\***

District Name	Number of SROs In The District	SRO Assignments	Yearly Financial Cost to the District (per SRO)	Funding Method
ACES	2	Educational Center for the Arts	\$25,000	School District (Regional Education Service Center Budget)
Ansonia	1	Ansonia High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Berlin	2	Berlin High School, McGee Middle School	N/A	Local Police Department
Bethel	5	Bethel Middle School, Bethel High School, R.M.T. Johnson School, Anna H. Rockwell School, Frank A. Berry School	N/A	Local Police Department
Bloomfield	2	Carmen Arace Middle School, Bloomfield High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Bristol	3	Bristol Eastern High School, Bristol Central High school, Chippens Hill Middle School	N/A	Local Police Department
Brookfield	2	Whisconier Middle School, Brookfield High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Cheshire	1	Cheshire High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Clinton	1	The Morgan School	N/A	Local Police Department
Colchester	1	Bacon Academy	\$83,803	School District
Cromwell	2	Cromwell High School, Cromwell Middle School	N/A	Local Police Department
Danbury	3	Broad View Middle School, Rogers Park Middle School, West Side Middle School Academy, and Danbury High School	\$100,000	School District (Town Budget)
Darien	1	Darien High School	N/A	Local Police Department
East Hartford	4	East Hartford Middle School and East Hartford High School	N/A	Local Police Department
East Windsor	1	East Windsor Public Schools	N/A	Local Police Department
Easton	1	Redding Elementary School	N/A	Local Police Department
Ellington	2	Ellington Public Schools	\$75,000	School District (Town Budget)

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Enfield	3	Enfield High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Farmington	3	East Farms Elementary, Noah Wallace Elementary, Union School, West District Elementary, West Woods Upper Elementary School, Irving A. Robbins Middle School, and Farmington High School	\$86,286	School District (Fund Transfer from Town of Farmington)
Glastonbury	2	Smith Middle School and Glastonbury High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Griswold	2	Griswold Public Schools	\$36,000	School District (Town Budget)
Groton	1	Robert E. Fitch High School	\$71,000 of which \$59,000 is district	Shared between School District and Local Police Department
Guilford	1	Guilford High School	\$80,000 of which \$40,000 is district	Shared between School District and Local Police Department
Madison	2	Madison Public Schools	\$73,000	Shared between School District and Local Police Department
Manchester	5	Manchester High School, Bentley and Manchester Regional Academy, Illing Middle School, and two alternative schools	\$60,000	Shared between School District and Local Police Department
Meriden	5	Meriden Public Schools	N/A	Local Police Department
Middletown	2	Middletown High School	\$100,000	Local Police Department
Milford	4	Milford Senior High School, Milford Central Academy, Milford Elementary School	\$40,000	School District (Town Budget)
Monroe	4	Stepney Elementary School, Monroe Elementary School, Fawn Hollow Elementary, Jockey Hollow Middle School, and Masuk High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Naugatuck	1	Naugatuck High School	N/A	Local Police Department

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New Britain	2	New Britain High School	\$114,000	School District (Town Budget)
New Canaan	2	New Canaan High School, Saxe Middle School	N/A	Local Police Department
New Fairfield	1	New Fairfield Public Schools	N/A	Local Police Department
New London	1	New London High School	N/A	Local Police Department
New Haven	12	New Haven Middle and High Schools	N/A	Local Police Department
New Milford	2	New Milford Public Schools	\$100,000	School District (Town Budget)
Newington	1	Newington High School	\$109,000	Shared between School District and Local Police Department
Newtown	2	Newton Middle School and Newton High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Norwalk	3	Nathan Hale Middle School, Ponus Ridge Middle School, Roton Middle School, West Rocks Middle School, Brien McMahon High School, Center for Global Studies, Norwalk Pathways Academy, and Norwalk High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Old Saybrook	3	Kathleen E. Goodwin School, Old Say Brook Middle School, and Old Saybrook High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Oxford	1	Oxford High School	Unknown	School District (Town Budget)
Redding	1	Redding Elementary School and John Read Middle School	N/A	Local Police Department
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 05	1	Amity Regional High School	\$90,000	Regional School Board
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 07	1	Northwestern Regional High School	\$54,000	Regional School Board
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 09**	1	Joel Barlow High School	N/A	Local Police Department
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 10	1	Lewis S. Mills High School	N/A	Local Police Department

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REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 12	1	Booth Free School, Burnham School, Washington Primary School, Shepaug Valley School	\$52,008	Regional School Board
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 15	1	Pomperaug High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Rocky Hill	3	Rocky Hill High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Seymour	1	Seymour High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Shelton	2	Shelton High School and Intermediate School	N/A	Local Police Department
Simsbury	2	Simsbury High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Somers	1	Somers High School	Unknown	School District (Town Budget)
South Windsor	2	Timothy Edwards Middle School	Unknown	School District (Town Budget)
Southington	1	Southington High School	Unknown	School District (Town Budget)
Sprague	1	Sayles Elementary School (On Call)	N/A	Resident State Trooper
Stamford	2	Stamford High School and West Hill High School	\$200,000	School District (Town Budget)
Stratford	1	Frank Scott Bunnell High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Suffield	1	Suffield High School, Suffield Middle School, McAlister Intermediate School, and A. Ward Spaulding School	\$64,000	School District (Town Budget)
Tolland	2	Tolland High School	\$40,000	School District (Town Budget)
Torrington	1	Torrington High School	\$30,000	School District (Town Budget)
Vernon	1	Vernon-Rockville High School	N/A	Local Police Department
Waterford	2	Waterford High School and Clark Lane Middle School	\$17,500	School District (Town Budget)
Watertown	1	Watertown High School and Swift Middle School	N/A	Local Police Department

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<b>West Hartford</b>	6	West Hartford Public Schools	N/A	Local Police Department
<b>West Haven</b>	5	West Haven Public Schools	\$70,000	School District (Town Budget)
<b>Wilton</b>	2	Wilton Public Schools	\$90,000	School District (Town Budget)
<b>Windham</b>	1	Windham High School	N/A	Local Police Department
<b>Windsor</b>	2	Windsor Public Schools	Unknown	School District (Town Budget)
<b>Wolcott</b>	1	Wolcott High School	N/A	Local Police Department

\*Table 1 information is current through the date of publication. Annual school district and municipal budgets often cause SRO employment to fluctuate.

\*\* SRO will be present in regional high school beginning April 1, 2018.

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