

Community Service Officers



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Community Service Officers (CSOs) are part-time non-sworn uniformed employees who assist the Department by handling duties such as animal control, parking enforcement, aiding motorists, vehicle lockouts and traffic control that don't require a police officer.

CSO's must be law enforcement students enrolled in college level law enforcement studies, and are limited to four years of employment with the Department. Many CSO's have been hired as police officers by the Department and other law enforcement agencies.

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San Diego City Schools, Community Service Officers, are non-sworn personnel who perform a combination of professional services for elementary school sites. Services include community policing, problem solving, crime prevention and suppression, traffic control, classroom presentations, public information and emergency services as needed. Utilizing a combination of strategies, the primary focus is always on safe and secure schools.

It takes a team approach to protect our schools. Community Service Officers work closely with administrators to maintain security by monitoring visitors and daily school activities. This same team approach is vigilant to prevent acts of vandalism, burglary, arson, theft, and general trespassing. Safety education is also a key part of being a Community Service Officer. Teaching children to think safety and how to react to various types of danger provides another important dynamic to the job. Lastly, Community Service Officers assist and coordinate site supervision schedules for instructional and noon duty personnel, and assist with the implementation of their respective site emergency plans.

All Community Service Officers receive training to enhance their abilities. This training provides the authority and knowledge to enforce safety regulations, as well as various state and local laws. Some Community Service Officers also assist with cold crime follow-ups, crime scene photography, and intrusion alarm surveys. Community Service Officers are a vital resource to the San Diego City Schools. Their daily interaction with students, staff, and parents is invaluable. Each officer is not only a great mentor to many young children, but also a professional part of an overall strategy, which supports teaching and learning everyday.

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These non-sworn personnel are assigned to work with elementary school children and are responsible for maintaining school safety. Community Service Officers (CSO's) further provide an introduction to a law enforcement presence in our schools and are expected to serve as role models to our students.

Community Service Officers are outfitted with the safety equipment which provides protection and gives them the ability to immediately communicate with various public safety agencies if necessary.

These officers also interact daily with the community surrounding their schools in order to encourage awareness and promote crime prevention.

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