

Where Are We Today?

Today we are asking for your support. Visit www.ctsro.com and sign up to become part of the development of this organization. CTSROA is currently building a Board. Once that Board has been selected, decisions on membership will follow allowing officers or citizens who qualify to become members.

What Is Next?

The Board will select a Committee that will begin to meet and discuss the development of programs which will review and approve curricula. CTSROA will be working with YAPA to develop these programs. The Youth at Promise Alliance will work under the advisement of the CTSROA Board, and will bring its extended experience to the table, to begin work on these programs with the launch of our first Basic SRO Program to be held in the summer of 2009.

What Can You Do?

In May of 2009 the CTSROA will be sponsoring a Youth Fair to officially announce the commencement of the SRO Training Programs. Youth programs and organizations will be invited to display and distribute information. There will be activities, refreshments and a keynote speaker. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this effort, please contact YAPA's Executive Director, Tammy Lynn LaBonte, 860-593-6550, for more information.

Please join us in ***Building Bridges Between Law Enforcement and Youth***. It is imperative that we work together, educate ourselves, provide programs that both educate adults and offer positive environments for youth, save and combine resources and efforts, and most importantly remember that all youth is at promise, and their lives and futures are not something we should put at risk.

SW Timothy Edwards Middle School Resource Officer, Caleb Lopez, sharing a moment with a child during a field trip to the local pool.



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Connecticut School Resource Officer Association, Inc.

School Resource Officer Program

Positive adult role models connecting with youth.



School Resource Officer Caleb Lopez and some middle-school girls from the travel basketball team.

The Connecticut School Resource Officer Association (CTSROA) is a newly formed nonprofit corporation that was created to promote collaboration between law enforcement personnel, and to serve as an ongoing resource to officers who deal with the youth of Connecticut.



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What is a School Resource Officer Program and Why is it a Deterrent to Juvenile Delinquency?

A School Resource Officer Program is a collaborative effort by certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and the community, to provide a safe school environment by having trained officers in school settings interact with the school community in a variety of traditional and nontraditional ways that ultimately encourage positive perceptions of law enforcement. By training law enforcement to educate, counsel, and protect our school communities, School Resource Officers (SRO's) continue to lead by example and promote character based education and positive role models.



South Windsor Police Department Youth Officers take a field trip with local youth to Lake Compounce for an afternoon of bonding and positive role modeling.

The primary roles of SRO's are to: 1) ensure a safe learning environment; 2) provide counseling and guidance to students to assist them in realizing their potential and help them make positive life choices, and 3) educating students to help them understand their role in society and develop a social conscience.

This TRIAD approach of educating, guiding and providing security is the most common approach to a successful School Resource Officer Program.

CTSROA is pleased to announce its alliance and partnership with **The Youth at Promise Alliance** (YAPA) to establish this program.

What is the Youth at Promise Alliance? (YAPA)

YAPA is a nonprofit organization. The Mission of the Youth at Promise Alliance is to create better relationships between law enforcement and youth through training, referral and collaboration with local, state and national organizations that provide services and prevention and intervention programs to youth. YAPA believes it is the responsibility of adults in authority positions to be the best role models for young people and to assist in creating and/or providing positive connections for them. YAPA believes that all children need love, support and positive adult role models as well as positive relationships with adults if they are to grow into responsible and productive citizens. YAPA wants to bring the message to everyone that all youth is at promise, and by working together we can help them reach their greatest potential.



What Will This Partnership do to Bring About Change for Connecticut's Youth?

YAPA and CTSROA will work together to build an exceptional SRO Program in the State of Connecticut that can eventually be modeled by other States by: (1) professionalizing the position of the SRO; (2) creating a statewide policy for police departments; (3) developing certified basic, intermediate, and advanced training for Connecticut SRO's and Juvenile Officers, School Administrators/Staff and Parents; (4) working with police departments to implement SRO programs within their departments; (5) maintaining a membership based organization that will confer on current issues and maintain a diversified Board that will include subject matter professionals from fields of law enforcement, education, psychology and the community, and (6) building and collaborating with all law enforcement related youth programs to share ideas and resources to improve relationships with young people and help each other achieve common goals.