

Lesson Plan
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SRO Awareness Class

Age Level
4th Grade +

Objective
To educate the students about the duties and positions of the SRO

Materials
•Rewards
•Class evaluation
•Game materials

Preparation
Review the following lesson plans
Personal Safety
Picking Friends

Reference
www.
thelisteningtree.com

What to do

- 1. Greet the class and explain your class rules.**
- 2. Begin with a class opener or game.**
 - Class opener : ABC's of Law Enforcement (# 7)
- 3. Ask the students to guess when the first School Resource Officer went into a school in America.**
 - Only tell them lower or higher until they guess 1951. It is believed that officers started around 1951. One department claims to have started officers in schools in 1949. It is safe to say that officers started in the 1950's.
 - Officers went into schools in Michigan.
- 4. Ask why SRO's went into schools in 1951.**
 - Rock and Roll was the primary reason why officers went into schools.
 - Rock and Roll wedged a gap in-between the younger and older generation.
 - These officers were trying to reestablish a bond between cops and kids.
- 5. Ask the students to tell you what an SRO does.**
 - Primary goal is to establish a bond between kids and law enforcement.
 - Required by law to enforce the law.
 - Resource for the teachers, administrators, students, and parents.
 - Helps to make the school safer.
 - Educate teachers, students, parents, and others about law enforcement.
- 6. Describe to the students your equipment and your rules.**
 - Tell the students that everything that you wear is designed to protect yourself or to protect someone else. Explain that this is the reason why they may never touch your equipment without asking. Of course, there are some things that you will never let them touch such as your gun. Weigh yourself with and without your gear. Tell the students how much your gear weighs. 20 pounds seems to be the average.
 - Briefly go over each part of your gear. Stress how each piece is a tool designed to help you do your job.
 - Tell the students what type of gun you carry and tell them that you do not want to ever talk about it again. Tell them that it is a piece of metal that you wear on your hip and that it does not define who you are. Do not let the students focus on your gun.
 - Tell them that you will keep anything they tell you a secret unless it is about a violation of the law or about someone else's safety.

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6. Continued -

- If you have a confidential box, let them know where it is and how to leave a note.
- Tell them your beeper number and any other way they can get in touch with you.

7. Ask the class to identify the most important part of your uniform.

- Quickly go around the room pointing and asking for each student to participate.
- For those who say badge - tell them that your badge is very important because it is a symbol of public faith. It is a daily reminder to do what is right.
- For those that say your gun tell them it is not your gun. Your gun can not tell people how you feel or what you want.
- It is your mouth. It gives you the ability to tell everyone how you feel, and what you need. It allows you to help people and to get out of trouble.

8. Evaluate the students' knowledge by asking these questions:

Q: When did the first SRO go into a school in America.

A: 1951.

Q: If you come to me and say you have a secret, what are the two things I can not keep a secret.

A: The safety of someone else and a violation of the law.

Q: Name some things that an SRO does?

A: Helps others, enforces the law, teaches classes, is a resource for parents, students, and teachers.

9. If time permits, discuss the quote of the day, interesting fact, weird laws and dumb criminals additions:

10. Conclude your presentation by following these guidelines:

- Tell the class how their behavior was.
- Thank the teacher and students for allowing you to guest teach.
- Tell the teacher and class that you would be happy to guest teach anytime.
- Reward the class with coupons or other appropriate items.
- Have the teacher or students, if old enough, complete a course evaluation.
- Shake hands or wave good-bye as you leave.

Quote of the Day

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

-Thomas Jefferson

Interesting Facts

The average life span of a Major League baseball is 5 pitches.

Weird Laws

Nevada

In Eureka, men are forbidden from kissing women.

Dumb Criminals

Unknown

On COPS one night this police officer was chasing this criminal. The criminal's pants were sagging, so when the cop was chasing him the criminal's pants fell down below his knees. He then tripped and fell down on his face then while the criminal was on the ground the cop caught up with him and arrested him.