

# The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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## Your Mt. Angel School Resource Officer

The idea of the School Resource Officer (SRO) started in the United States in the 1950s and became common in many communities by the 1990s after several high-profile violent incidents in schools.

In Mt. Angel the SRO program addresses many different areas in addition to basic school safety. Our SRO for the 2012-2013 school year is Officer Japh Adams, a 2½ year veteran of our police force. Officer Adams is an armed and sworn police officer assigned to the schools to perform three major roles: law enforcement officer, law-related counselor and law-related educator.

Mt. Angel's program is designed to serve several important purposes:

- keeping the schools safe,
- building interaction with the students in a setting that promotes self-esteem and trust,
- interacting with faculty, the community and parents to promote positive relations, and
- educating students about the law and the importance of individual responsibility.

Officer Adams investigates criminal activity that occurs at our schools, including but not limited to: thefts, assaults, bullying, sexting, harassment, drug possession, alcohol use, etc.

School Resource Officers often work with school officials to help students find resources for and deal with various problems ranging from substance abuse to depression to problems within their homes.

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### SRO GOALS

High School & Middle School- educate students and faculty on:

- Social Media-How not to get in Trouble
- Cyber-Security Issues-How not to get in Trouble
- Alcohol & Tobacco Use and the Law
- Sex Abuse, Harassment and Assault
- Youth Driving Issues

Grade School- educate students and staff on:

- Stranger Danger
- Halloween Safety
- Bus Safety
- Bicycle Safety

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*"My philosophy is to use a straight forward and understanding approach to help students see the connection between their actions and possible consequences. I try to be a positive role model kids can trust to help them make good choices."* Japh Adams

Officer Adams attends most of the sporting events and dances at the high school, helps out wherever he is needed and is prepared to deal with issues like fights, theft, drugs and a number of other things that affect the students and the school. He does these things in a way that makes him easy for kids to confide in as well as respect.

*"Most officers started in law enforcement because they want and like to help people. The School Resource Officer is given opportunities daily to help a child out of a bad situation or to help a child turn their life in a positive direction."* Chief Mike Healy

The School Resource Officer is funded through a partnership with the City and School District. Currently the School District pays 33% of all costs and the City paying 66% of all costs.

*"The presence of an SRO on our school campuses serves many purposes, all of which are focused on our kids. Our district mission statement is: 'Educating, capable, caring and responsible citizens'. The SRO is a key component of the district's overall approach to educating our kids in a safe, secure, and welcoming environment."*

School Superintendent Troy Stoops

If you have any questions about the School Resource Officer program please give us a call at the Police Department at 503-845-9294.

**Important Dates:**

**Christmas-** CITY HALL CLOSSES at noon on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and all day Christmas Day, Tuesday December 25<sup>th</sup>

**New Year's-** CITY HALL CLOSSES at noon on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and all day New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

**Council Meeting-** Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the community room

**Municipal Court-** Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the community room

**Park Tree Board Meeting-** Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the community room



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