

What Exactly Is SRO Training?

It's unclear how many law enforcement officers who are in schools have gone through school resource officer training, but some SRO leaders want to change that.

Time commitment: 40 hours, spread out over five days

Who teaches it: An instructor from the National Association of School Resource Officers

Cost: \$445 for NASRO members and \$495 per person for non-members, with discounts for agencies that want to train a large number of officers.

Topics covered: Interacting with students with disabilities, ethics, counseling and mentoring, social media, how the teen brain develops, trauma in children, sex trafficking, school-related laws, racial biases, drugs, crime prevention, emergency preparedness.

How it works: The course is taught in a classroom with interactive learning components, PowerPoint presentations, videos and practical scenarios. Students are given a course manual and access to online resources. Students must pass a written exam at the end of the course with a score of 70 percent or higher to earn a NASRO certificate.

What happens if you don't pass: Students who score below 70 percent on their final exam are given two weeks to complete remediation, which consists of reviewing material missed on the test and providing the instructor with a written paragraph on each incorrect response. The instructor will then pass or fail the student and notify NASRO of the determination.

Other details: The course is certified by the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

More info: For more resources on grants, training and legislation related to SROs, check out the Indiana School Safety Hub at <https://www.in.gov/schoolsafety/>.

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