



Dear Students, Parents and Community Members:

Welcome to the Washoe County School District Police Department. Raising the quality of education for the children of Washoe County is a top priority for our district. The Washoe County School District Police Department works to maintain an enriching environment, one that ensures the protection of our future.

This guide is part of our effort to explain the services provided by this Department. The entire staff is ready, willing and able to provide effective law enforcement, safety education, crime prevention and intervention to all of the District's school sites. Along with other public safety agencies in Washoe County, the Department strongly encourages community stakeholders to become actively involved to create a safer school community.

The Washoe County School District Police Department (WCSDPD) was established in 1971 to create a safe and secure learning environment for the students, teachers and staff of the Washoe County Schools. The men and women of the WCSDPD have accepted this duty with an unyielding commitment that has not wavered for 38 years. This dedication to public safety is the standard for the 2nd largest school police department in the state of Nevada.

The Washoe County School District Police Department is responsible for providing police services to:

A jurisdiction covering 6,900 square miles

Approximately 64,000 students

Approximately 8,700 teachers, administrators and support staff

Approximately 120 schools, centers, and administrative offices

We are a fully accredited police agency employing thirty-nine full-time sworn police officers and five civilian non-sworn employees. While our primary role is to maintain order and security on and near school facilities, the Washoe County School District Police Department provides far more than standard law enforcement efforts. We are proactive in developing relationships at the schools to foster positive and safe learning environments whereby our students receive a world-class education.

In addition to physical resources, school police personnel are encouraged to spend more quality time in developing positive interpersonal relationships with those in our schools and in our community. Personnel engage in daily contact with students, teachers, staff and members of the community to help promote a positive learning environment with schools, and to build ever-growing cooperative partnerships among the schools and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Please call upon us if we may be of any assistance, and be sure to pass along any suggestions you may have on how we can improve on our efforts.

Sincerely,
Mike Mieras
Chief of Police