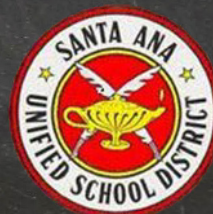


Santa Ana Unified School District

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2017 Annual Report



**Anastasia Smith**  
Chief of Police

# Message from the Chief of Police

Anastasia Smith



On behalf of the Santa Ana Unified School District Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2017 Annual Report. Our School Police Department is a well-trained and highly professional team whose primary mission is to ensure the safety and security of our students, staff and the greater Santa Ana community. The School Police Department operates 24 hours a day, each day of the week, and responds to over 12,000 incidents per year. As a specialty K-12 police agency, our Department is committed to school-based community policing to address campus safety.

Our school personnel are committed to Department and District priorities and provide education, intervention and diversion services to our students and staff. Through these programs, and in support of District restorative justice practices, our students are provided with opportunities to learn and grow in a safe and secure environment. With School Resource Officers and District Safety Officers assigned to school sites throughout the District, our Department provides a high-profile presence and invaluable resource for our students and staff.

Our commitment to safety and security is a top priority. Our School Police Officers are all accredited by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.), in addition to receiving specialized training in school policing and campus law. Department personnel receive extensive, ongoing training in all-hazards emergency preparedness, first aid, and active shooter. We are one of the only School Police agencies in the State who also have fully trained and certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) officers. Together with the District, we ensure safety and security protocols are maintained at all of our school sites.

As a specialized law enforcement agency, our Department is committed to working closely with our law enforcement partners and other first responders to ensure the overall safety and security of our entire District and the community of Santa Ana. We will work diligently to maintain the public trust through exemplary police services, accountability and transparency.

I am proud to serve as your Chief of Police and can assure you our Department will be vigilant and steadfast in our commitment to the safety and security of students and staff.

Respectfully,

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Anastasia Smith  
Chief of Police



# Mission

The mission of the Santa Ana Unified School District Police Department is to provide for the safety and security of everyone who attends and works at school facilities throughout the District. We accomplish our mission through a Community Oriented Policing framework, that is deeply rooted in providing professional and responsive police services with compassion and concern.

## General Area of Responsibility

The Santa Ana School Police Department serves the 7<sup>th</sup> largest school district in the State and it also is the largest in the County of Orange. The Department is an approved agency, in accordance to the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.).



Santa Ana School Police personnel provide a focused intervention and prevention assistance program to our school community. Focused on building a safer community, our emphasis is to facilitate sound crime and violence reduction techniques, including presentations on topics such as: bullying prevention, intervention, gang awareness, narcotic detection, traffic safety, and truancy matters. The objective is to accomplish a working framework of cooperative relationships between schools and the community at large. The education component provided by School Police Officers is vital to strengthening student and family based relationships with public safety.

# Board of Education

## President Amezcua



The Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD) has always believed that it takes the entire community to successfully educate and prepare our students for the future. As President of the Board of Education, I want to personally thank our community for the important role that they play in making a difference in the lives of our students. We could not do this work without you. Each day, parents and guardians entrust their children in the care of our principals, teachers, and staff to educate and provide a safe, nurturing learning environment. When parents leave their children in our care, they feel comfortable in knowing that they have the best care possible.

One of the unique attributes of SAUSD is that we have a stellar School Police Department with officers who build relationships with our students and keep a watchful eye on our learning environment. We are fortunate to be one of the few districts in California to have our own police department. One of the reasons that we have been able to sustain our police department even in the midst of tough financial times is because of the commitment the Board of Education has kept to keep safety as a top priority.

I can say wholeheartedly, that we have the best officers in SAUSD. They have elected to protect and serve us, and in some cases, risk their lives because of their love for our community and students. I am very proud of the work that they do, and I commend them on a job well done!

On behalf of the Board of Education, it is my pleasure to thank each member of the Santa Ana School Police Department for their professionalism, dignity, courtesy, and respect of all the individuals that they serve in the Santa Ana Unified School District.

Respectfully,

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**Valerie Amezcua**

President, Board of Education

## Board Members



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Member

# SAUSD Superintendent

Stefanie P. Phillips, Ed.D.



In the Santa Ana Unified School District, our goal is for all students to be successfully prepared with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills when they graduate from high school. Whether students choose to continue their educational journey in college or go directly into the workforce or military, it is our pledge to support them to be successful academically, socially, and emotionally.

We are able to fulfill this pledge because our students are able to learn and thrive in a safe learning environment thanks to the dedicated men and women who comprise the Santa Ana School Police Department.

Each day, our Police Officers and District Safety Officers are at our schools, building trust with students and staff, monitoring the pathways that our students take from school to home, and putting themselves in harm's way for the protection and benefit of students and staff. They do this nobly and proudly without any desire for recognition or admiration.

Under the leadership of Police Chief Anastasia Smith, our highly decorated police department will continue to be a model of excellence and equipped and prepared to respond to any situation successfully.

As Superintendent of Santa Ana Unified School District, I would like to thank our officers and staff for their excellence, commitment, and willingness to serve our school community.

Sincerely,

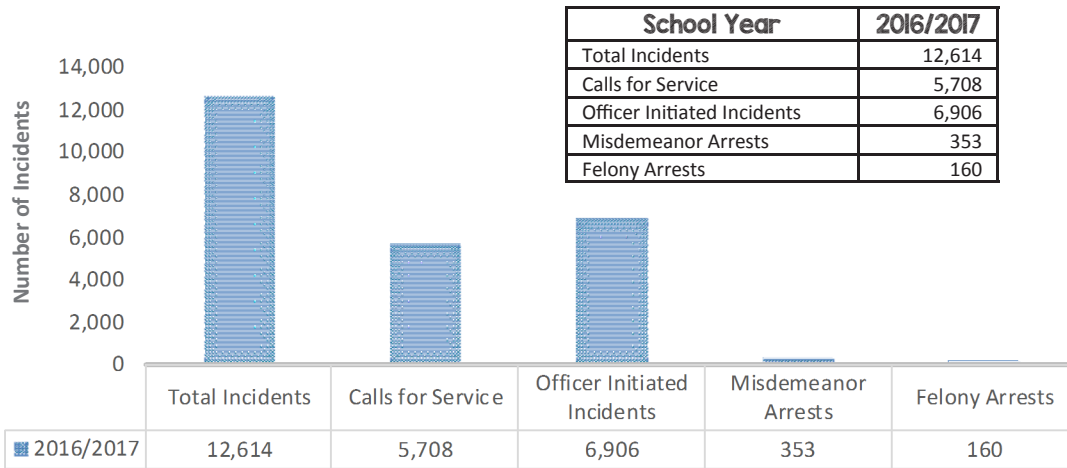
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Stefanie P. Phillips, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

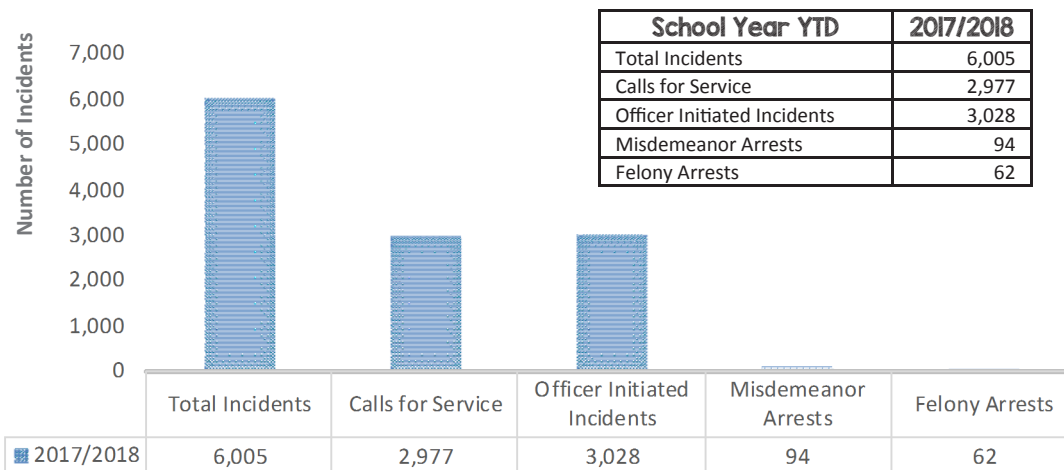


# Department Statistics

## SANTA ANA SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR



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# Santa Ana School Police Organizational Chart January 2018



# Emergency Preparedness and Training

Recognizing that disasters and man-made incidents can occur at any time, often with little or no warning, the Santa Ana School Police Department, in conjunction with the District's Risk Management Department have engaged in several cooperative ventures to ensure that the District is ready and capable of handling emergency situations involving students, staff, property and the community at large.

The primary objective of the Santa Ana School Police Department, during any emergency, is preservation of life and property. This mission can only be accomplished with the support of the Santa Ana Unified School District Governing Board and the Superintendent.

Training is an essential component of preparedness and greatly affects the Department's ability to respond to, and recover from, a critical incident. The District's Emergency Management Coordinator is responsible to ensure compliance with local, state and federal agencies, while providing the officers with timely and relevant training.

## PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

The District and the School Police Department actively promote public awareness and education in order to strengthen overall preparedness and resiliency. By providing the District community education, outreach, training, and coordination, the Santa Ana School Police Department increases the ability of students and District personnel to adequately prepare for and meet their own needs. In 2016, the Santa Ana School Police Department produced a video, "Surviving a School Shooting... Run, Hide and Fight" to bring awareness and prepare students, staff and officers. This video can be viewed at [www.sausd.us](http://www.sausd.us).



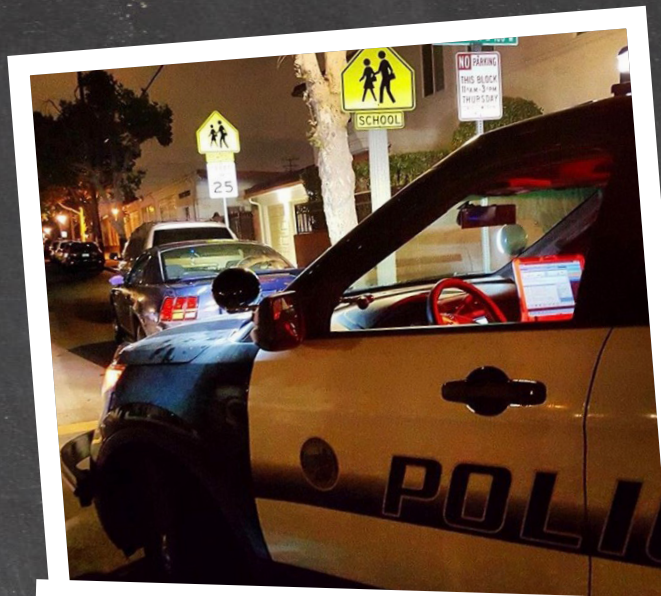


# Patrol

The Santa Ana School Police Department is the 3rd largest school police agency in the State of California, while at the same time serving the 7th largest school district in the State and the largest in Orange County. The Santa Ana School Police Department stands alone as the only California Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) recognized specialty school police department in Orange County; providing 24-hour police services to over 50,000 students and 4,654 staff members.

School Police Officers are prepared to respond to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service 24-hours a day and provide mutual aid assistance to allied agencies. Patrol officers handle the majority of the calls for service, which allow the School Resource Officers to remain on their campus and not compromise the security posture of the school site. In the 2016/2017 school year, officers responded to 12, 669 incidents.

The Santa Ana School Police Department is committed to continuing to provide a safe and secure learning and working environment. The Department has transformed itself to an innovative, responsive and professional organization that values the service it provides. Through collaborative partnerships established with other law enforcement agencies and the community at large, the Santa Ana School Police Department positioned itself to better serve and respond to the needs of the Santa Ana Unified School District, the Santa Ana community, and our society's most precious asset: it's children.



# School Resource Officers

The Santa Ana School Resource Officers (SRO's) are community-oriented police officers with the skills to build relationships, solve problems, and enforce the law. The SRO's provide law enforcement and police services to the school and the surrounding community. They work closely with school administrators to develop and implement classes in law-related education to support educational efforts.



The SRO focuses on preventing juvenile delinquency through close contact and building positive relationships with students. They also create partnerships with school administrators, in order to provide a safe school environment.



Santa Ana Unified School District's approach to a SRO program is auspicious, due to it enabling communities and schools to address school violence together with both prevention and intervention techniques. School Resource Officer programs are proactive, solution-based, and community driven. Having a SRO on a school campus may prevent problems from happening. It enhances a school's capacity to address its safety and security concerns promptly. When problems do arise, SRO's can intervene quickly to address what is taking place. SRO's are an integral part and contribute to safe school planning efforts, and offer their schools a resource to turn to when emergencies occur.

Santa Ana School Police Officers engage and cultivate positive relationships with students and their families through a strong foundation of the School Resource Officer Triad concept, which consists of:

- **Teacher**
- **Counselor**
- **Law Enforcement Officer**



For further information on School Resource Officers, please contact SAUSD School Police at (714) 558-5535.

# District Safety Officers

The Santa Ana School District has 38 District Safety Officers (DSO's) deployed at comprehensive high schools and intermediate schools. DSO's work with several school site staff members and assist in maintaining a safe learning and working environment. The DSO program works within the School Police team philosophy concept, which brings together a demonstrated professional security image. District Safety Officers are an integral part of our Department's support structure that allows for us to accomplish our collective policing and safety mission.

DSO's provide their patrol duties in a variety of ways. They are deployed on bicycles, through foot patrol and on golf carts. The DSO Bicycle Program is led by a School Police Officer, who has extensive training on the use and deployment tactics of bicycle riding; he is a Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified instructor.

The duties of our District Safety Officers include, providing security and crime prevention measures on and around the immediate perimeter of their assigned school campus. Along with assisting School Police Officers, this strategy is primarily accomplished through the following model:

## ➤ Prevention

District Safety Officers are a vital resource in crime prevention and maintaining order. Proactive, highly visible District Safety Officers leverage the ability of security teams.

## ➤ Observation

District Safety Officers are trained in observing and recording pertinent information when crimes occur, documenting crime trend information and preventive strategies.

## ➤ Reporting

District Safety Officers are essential in reporting information to site administrators and School Police Officers to ensure for the safety of students and staffs.





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