

## Agreement between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office and the Buckeye Local School District for the School Resource Officer Program.

This agreement was entered into this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2021 through the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024, by and between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office and the Buckeye Local School District.

It is the intention of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office and the Buckeye Local School District to maintain collaborative efforts to provide a safe and healthy school environment for students, staff, faculty, and visitors.

### Goals and Objectives

1. Establish a positive working relationship in a cooperative effort to prevent juvenile delinquency and assist in student development
2. Maintain a safe and secure environment on a school campus, which will be conducive to learning
3. Promote positive attitudes regarding the police role in society

### Assignment of School Resource Officer

The Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office agrees to provide a School Resource Officer to the following schools within the Buckeye Local School District:

- Edgewood High School
- Braden Middle School
- Kingsville Elementary School
- Ridgeview Elementary School

It is understood that one or more Sheriff Deputies may cover any or all of these buildings, grounds and resources.

The Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the superintendent of the Buckeye Local School District (and any other school personnel determined by the superintendent) will determine which Sheriff's Deputy Officer will assume the roles and responsibilities of a school resource officer.

It is recognized as of the date of this agreement, that Deputy **Michael W. Rose III** is currently serving in this role and has done so since August 1, 2017.

The work Schedule of the School Resource officer shall be determined by the needs of the school district and shall be considered a full time salaried position compensated directly by the school district in accordance with the compensation and benefits package as determined by the Buckeye Local School Board of Education.

School resource officer(s) shall also remain employees of both the Ashtabula County Sheriffs' Office and shall be employees of the Buckeye Local School District. The Buckeye Local Schools acknowledge that

the school resource officer will remain responsive to the command of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office.

For purposes of Worker's compensation, it is understood that the School Resource Officer would fall under the school district's coverage for an injury, which occurred because of a school function, and under the Sheriff's Office for an injury, which occurred outside of a school function.

School Resource Officer(s) should remain on or near the school campus during the school day, but may be off campus to conduct such tasks as may be required by their assignment, or other assignments designated by supervisors of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office as law enforcement necessity dictates.

## Duties of the School Resource Officer

1. Assist the superintendent, principals, faculty, and staff in developing plans and strategies to prevent and/or minimize dangerous situations that may occur on school grounds.
2. Present topics to students on various law enforcement/safety issues.
3. Contact the principal of the school about any juvenile delinquency, incidents, charges, and arrests within a timely manner.
4. Take law enforcement action when necessary.
5. Conduct investigations of crimes that occur at any school or involving students, and use other resources if needed for follow up investigations.
6. Follow the guidelines of case law, school board policy, and the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office general orders in regards to investigations, interviews and searches.
7. Assist the superintendent, principals, faculty, and staff in enforcing the campus code of conduct and other school rules in order to maintain a safe learning environment.
8. When it pertains to preventing a disruption that would, if ignored, place students, faculty and staff at risk of harm, the SRO will resolve the problem to preserve the school climate. IN ALL CASES, disciplining students is a School District responsibility, and the SRO will intervene and take students who violate the code of conduct to the principal where school discipline can be meted out.

## Rights and Duties of the School Board

The School District shall provide to the full time SRO the following materials and facilities, which are deemed necessary to the performance of the SRO.

1. Access to an air-conditioned and properly lighted private office containing a telephone line to be used for general business purposes.

- 2. A desk with drawers, a chair, and filing drawers
- 3. Access to a computer terminal or computer hookup

The Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office will supply the SRO with the usual and customary equipment, vehicles, supplies and forms required in performance of their duty.

### Dismissal of a School Resource Officer

In the event that the Superintendent of the school district to which the school resource officer is assigned feels that, he/she is not effectively performing his or her duties and responsibilities, the superintendent, within a reasonable amount of time, shall notify the Sheriff or their designee. A meeting shall be conducted with the school resource officer to mediate or resolve any problems. The Sheriff in conjunction with the superintendent may dismiss or reassign a school resource officer based upon the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office and Buckeye Local School District's rules, regulations, and general orders.

The Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office and the Buckeye Local School District agree to provide their employees with training relative to this agreement and its purpose. The parties also agree to maintain regular and open communication to evaluate the effect of this agreement and suggest improvements and adjustments that may be necessary.

This agreement constitutes a final written expression of all terms of this agreement and is a complete and exclusive statement of those terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be signed by their duly authorized officers.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

The Buckeye School District Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick Colucci

The Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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