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Press Release

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“Sequim Police Name School Resource Officer for Remainder of 2009”



Officer Grant Dennis has been selected to work as the Sequim Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO) for the remainder of the 2009 school year. Officer Dennis began his career in 2005 as a Reserve Police Officer, before being hired as a Police Officer and attending the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in Burien, WA in 2006.

Dennis has been an active officer who has been assigned to patrol responsibilities. In 2007, Dennis was recognized for his outstanding arrest record which totaled 168 arrests which was initiated while Dennis worked almost a straight year on the graveyard shift. This level of proactive performance was substantial because only one other officer achieved a

higher number of arrests in 2007. Officer Dennis has maintained a consistent level of proactive traffic enforcement, finishing in the top third of the department in overall vehicle stops, infractions issued, DUI's (intoxicated driver arrests), and warnings issued.

As the SRO, Officer Dennis will have an office based in the Sequim Middle School and Dennis will be responsible for routine patrol of all of the city school campuses. Approximately 2,400 students and faculty enter our school campuses daily, Officer Dennis will be interacting with staff, students and faculty as a first responder to incidents that occur on all of the campuses. Officer Dennis will also provide and participate in classroom presentations and assemblies.

Dennis began working at the schools on February 11th orientating himself to the facilities, staff and layout of the schools. "As the new Sequim Police Department School Resource Officer, Officer Dennis will be dedicated to the goal of providing a needed service to our community and at the same time he has the opportunity to help and guide the youth of our school district", Said Sequim Police Chief Robert Spinks.

The SRO Program was created four years ago and was initially funded through a grant that was jointly obtained by the Sequim Police Department and the School District. In the past few years, the City of Sequim and the School District have split the cost of providing a police officer on campus to be a first responder, mentor and resource for faculty and students alike.

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