

SRO NEWS

SRO Semester Report

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2016 Fall Semester in the Books

Well the Fall Semester of the 2016-2017 school year has flown by for the School Resource Officers. It has been a crazy fun year full of many first and new experiences as well as a few final ones. The year started off without a long standing figure in the schools, Officer Jackson. Jackson left the schools and was promoted to sergeant and reassigned to a patrol shift. However, even though we lost Officer Jackson, the School Resource Division added two new officers; Officer Andrew Talbot and Officer Anya Littlefield. Although this is their first year in the schools they have both been in law enforcement for many years. It was also a first for Officer Shell and Dorsey this year. Last year they were the elementary schools resource officers and covered all four Benton elementary school. This year they took on secondary schools, Officer Dorsey took over the High School with the help of Officer Talbot and Officer Shell took over at BJHS.

As usual the resource officers have had a great year learning their new school assignments and getting to know new students and staff. They look forward to finishing out the year strong and having a wonderful Spring semester.

There are a few changes coming this next semester. We will be starting the spring semester without our Sergeant Lisa Stuart. She will be leaving the schools and taking over as sergeant of a patrol shift. We are sad to see her leave but wish her all the best and hope to continue to see her around as she has time.

We are all very excited to welcome our new sergeant over the school resource officers. Sergeant Quinton Jackson will be taking over his new duties as the Community Resource Officer and School Resource Supervisor on January 2,



Ofc Andrew Talbot



2016-2017 SRO Team

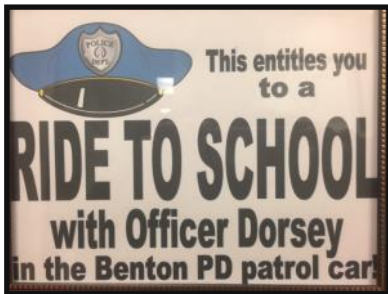
Your SRO's

- Ofc Anya Littlefield - BMS and Angie Grant
- Ofc Andrew Talbot - Caldwell and BHS
- Sgt Lisa Stuart - Supervisor
- Ofc Justin Dorsey - Howard Perrin and BHS
- Ofc Bobby Shell - Ringgold and JHS



Ofc Dorsey and Carter arriving at Howard Perrin Elementary

Win a Ride to School!



Every year at Howard Perrin's Fall Festival there is a silent auction to help raise money for the Howard Perrin UPTO. This year Ofc Dorsey volunteered to participate and offered a ride to school in a police car along with a police prize bag, stickers, and pencils for the entire winner's class. Not really knowing what to expect, Ofc Dorsey was just hoping someone would be willing to donate at least a few bucks his way for the prize. Other prizes included lunch with the principal and he figured that would be pretty hard to beat, however, to his surprise the idea raised \$80 toward UPTO and was a huge success.

Ofc Dorsey brought Carter to school one morning after providing him with all the necessary police memorabilia such as sticker badges, pencil, cups, etc., and giving him a run down on how the police car functioned. Carter even got to talk on the police radio to other officers and inform them he was in route to his school!



Ofc Dorsey with Mrs Neighbors Kindergarten Class at Howard Perrin

After arriving at Howard Perrin, Carter got to show off to all his classmates what he had learned about being a policeman. He then provided them all with badge stickers and pencils.

Red Ribbon Week

It's Red Ribbon/Drug Free week and the elementary school students and faculty are having fun with various costumes and games. School Resource Officer Talbot joined in with a large sombrero.



Ofc Andrew Talbot

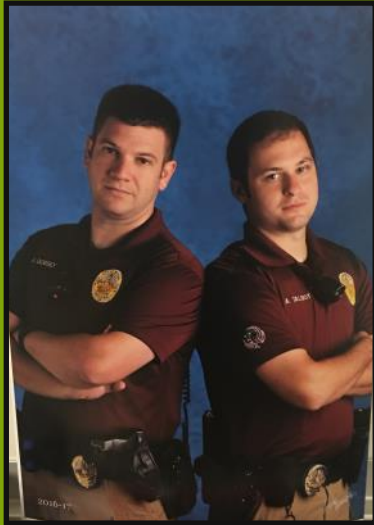


Sgt Stuart at CADC

Other Venues

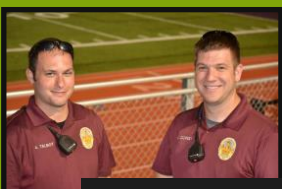
In addition to working in the schools, the school resource officers also visit local day cares and other civic organizations. They teach many of the same classes as they do in the classrooms. They also enjoy just stopping by to say hello and spend a little time interacting with the kids.

High School Yearbook Picture



It was year book picture time at the High School again! The students took their year book pictures and convinced Officer Dorsey and Officer Talbot to take a year book photo also, but they decided to pose their way! After taking individual photos Officer Dorsey and Talbot told the photographer that they were going to take a photo together looking "tough". The poor photographer was very hesitant saying "I don't think they will let you do that", but they continued and did it anyway. When the proofs came back, not only did they accept it they sent a free 8x10 for the officers.

This is Officer Dorsey and Officer Talbot's first year in the High School. Most days this duo can be seen in the common areas during the lunches speaking with students about their future and how their decisions now can affect their future.



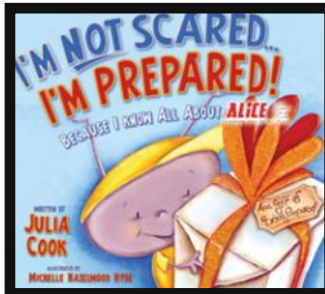
Ofc Talbot & Dorsey working a HS football game



Left: Ofc Dorsey teaching a class on the Judicial System at Howard Perrin.
Below: Ofc Littlefield teaching a Smart Choices Better Chances class at Angie Grant



Education in the Classroom



Each month SROs try and focus our efforts around a common theme at all the school campuses. During the month of September, SROs focused on School Safety to include lockdowns and reading *I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared* to all Kindergarten thru fifth grade classes. The teacher at the Ant Hill School wants her students to be prepared - for everything! One day, she teaches her students what to do if a "dangerous someone" is in their school. This program has been taught at the elementary schools for the past two years with tremendous success.

During the month of October, SROs focused on Gun Safety with the Eddie Eagle program sponsored by the NRA with all Kindergarten thru fifth grade classes. The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® program is a gun accident prevention program that seeks to help parents, law enforcement, community groups, and educators navigate a topic paramount to our children's safety. Eddie and his Wing Team are on a mission to help you teach Pre-K through 5th graders what to do if they ever come across a gun...



STOP....DONT TOUCH....RUN AWAY.....TELL A GROWN UP!!!

The song is still stuck in our heads!

In November and December officers focused on teaching a class called Smarter Choices Better Chances that was first introduced as a program through the Attorney General's office. This class is taught to 4th and 5th grades and is usually taught in several short class periods. In the class students are introduced to the different law enforcement agencies in Saline County and well as the different courts. Officers discuss the difference between rules and laws and inform the students that under Arkansas Law we become legally responsible for our actions at the age of ten. This means that around 5th grade, kids can be charged with crimes such as battery, theft, and disorderly conduct. Officers take the time to explain that choices and actions that previously were classified as simply poor decisions can now have legal consequences. This class is an effort to encourage kids to make smarter choices in life resulting in better chances for the future.

Flag Teams



Ofc Dorsey and the Flag Team at Howard Perrin

At several of the elementary schools the resource officers established flag teams of 5th grade students. These groups are chosen for various reasons and are responsible for putting up and raising the flags in the morning and lowering and folding the flags in the afternoon. Throughout the year they have regular meetings with the officers to practice the folding technique as well as discuss flag etiquette. These groups are a wonderful opportunity for the officers to get to know the kids and mentor them.

The students that have been chosen for this task were specially selected by teachers and the SROs. The students were chosen for their ability to show respect, discipline, and accountability. This position is a huge responsibility and the students carry the position with honor.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our teams.



Ofc Shell showing the team at Ringgold how to properly take down the flag

Howard Perrin: Olivia Kreulen, Addison Barger, Jon Dorsey and Alvin Allen. Ofc Dorsey was extremely proud of this group. They served their school and their positive attitude reflected well on Howard Perrin.

Caldwell: Rachael Dudley, Ansley Fex, Adan Jinenec, Logan Vandiver, Michael Espy. This group had some flagpole maintenance issue throughout the semester. Ofc Talbot looks forward to continuing to work with this good group of kids more next semester.

Ringgold: Jose Moran, Brayson Allen, and Christian Mendez. Ofc Shell really enjoys teaching the kids proper care and respect for the American and State Flag.

Ofc Littlefield at the Boys and Girls Club



SRO's also frequently visit the Saline County Boys & Girls Club to hang out with the kids. We play board games, pool, basketball, and participate in numerous events held at the club. In November, we even got to be judges for Thanksgiving floats that the kids made!



Sgt Stuart, Ofc Littlefield, and Ofc Shell a winner of the Thanksgiving activities

SRO's loving their job!!!

