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# SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY



Central Bucks School District

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# VISION FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

Physical Building Improvements	Safe Secure Promote Education & Academic Excellence
Education & Training	Positive Role Models & Mentors Emergency Response Protocols Culture of Safety & Security
Security Personnel & Law Enforcement	Skilled Security Personnel Partner with Law Enforcement Emergency Services Coordination

# SCHOOL SAFETY MODELS

## School Security Officers (SSO)

- District Employee
- Non-Law Enforcement
- Patrol/Monitor
- Non-Teacher

## School Police Officers (SPO)

- District Employee
- Judge Grant Authority
- Law Enforcement
- Separate from Local LEA

## School Resource Officers (SRO)

- Local Law Enforcement Employee
- Law Enforcement
- Speaker/Teacher
- Counselor/Mentor

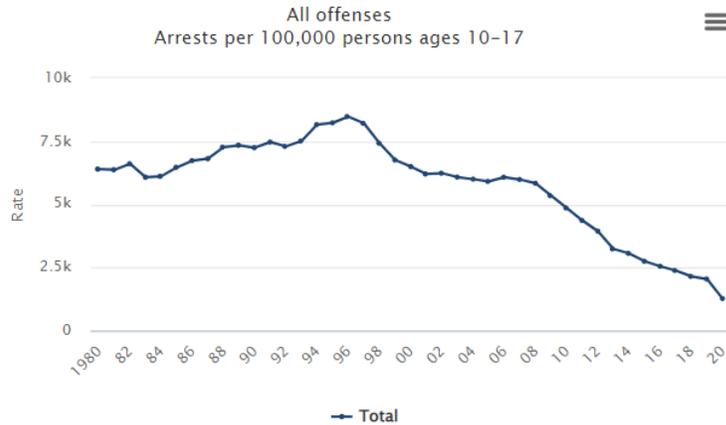
## Area School Districts

- Abington – SRO & SSO
- Bensalem – SRO & SSO
- Bristol Boro – SRO & SSO
- Central Bucks – SRO & SSO
- Council Rock – SRO & SSO
- Hatboro Horsham – SRO & SSO
- Neshaminy – SRO & SSO
- Quakertown – SRO
- Bristol Twp – SPO & SSO
- North Penn – SPO & SSO
- Pennridge – SPO & SSO
- Palisades – SPO or SSO (armed)
- Centennial – SSO
- Morrisville – SSO(armed)
- New Hope/Solebury – SSO
- Pennsbury – SSO

# NATIONAL AND LOCAL TRENDS

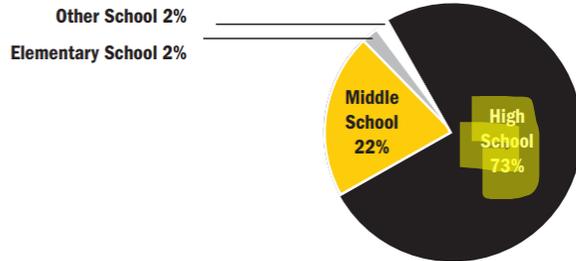
## Juvenile Arrest Rate Trends

The juvenile arrest rate for murder reached its lowest level in 2012, 83% below the 1993 peak; since 2012, the rate increased 30% through 2018 (from 2.2 to 2.8 per 100,000 youth) where it remained through 2020.



Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (USDOJ)

**COMMUNITIES:** Approximately one-third ( $n = 14$ , 34%) of the attacks occurred in schools located in suburban communities, while 11 attacks occurred in cities (27%). Ten incidents were carried out in rural schools (24%), and the fewest attacks took place in small towns ( $n = 6$ , 15%).<sup>5</sup>



US Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center 2019

### Central Bucks West (CB Regional)

- 2018 (328 Incidents)
- 2019 (237 Incidents)
- 2020 (306 Incidents)
- 2021 (192 Incidents)
- 2022 (201 Incidents)

### Central Bucks South (Warrington Twp)

- 2018 (270 Incidents)
- 2019 (187 Incidents)
- 2020 (204 Incidents)
- 2021 (262 Incidents)
- 2022 (144 Incidents)

### Central Bucks East (Buckingham Twp)

- 2018 (287 Incidents)
- 2019 (405 Incidents)
- 2020 (329 Incidents)
- 2021 (165 Incidents)
- 2022 (219 Incidents)

Police Department Incident Responses

# WHY HAS CBSD CHOSEN THE SRO MODEL?

## SROs are More than a Police Officer

- Counselor, Mentor, Teacher (NASRO)
- Students Share Intelligence
- Member of School Culture and Team

## Link School District and Law Enforcement

- Develop Trust and Build Relationships
- Community & School Education Initiatives
- Reduce Local Police Workload and Improve Response

## Prevent Violence

- SROs Prevent Attacks (NTAC 2021)
- Juvenile Arrests down 74% since 1996 (OJJDP)
- Fewer Crimes Reported (Devlin & Gottfedson 2016)

# CENTRAL BUCKS SOUTH SRO PROGRAM

- 13 years 2004-2012, 2014-2018, 2022-
- Establish Lasting Relationships
- Reduce other Officer Response
- Assist with Safe2Say at CB South & Tamanend
- Daily Administration Coordination
- Threat Assessment Team
- SRO Initiatives
  - “What to do when stopped by a Cop” 4/1/23 Training
  - Coffee with Cop
  - Classes
  - Traffic Assistance





## PRO-ACTIVE

SROs are More than a  
Police Officer

SROs Link School District  
and Law Enforcement

SROs Prevent Violence



## REACTIVE



THANK YOU