

School Resource Officers (Gibson and Warrick County Schools)

August 2010 to May 2011

School Resource Officers (SROs) provided services in Warrick and Gibson County schools during the 2010/2011

school year. Specifically, 3 SROs worked in Warrick County, 1 SRO in North Gibson Schools, and a rotating group of SROs in South Gibson Schools, serving over 14,600 students in two counties. Data from daily/monthly reports were compiled from August to May.

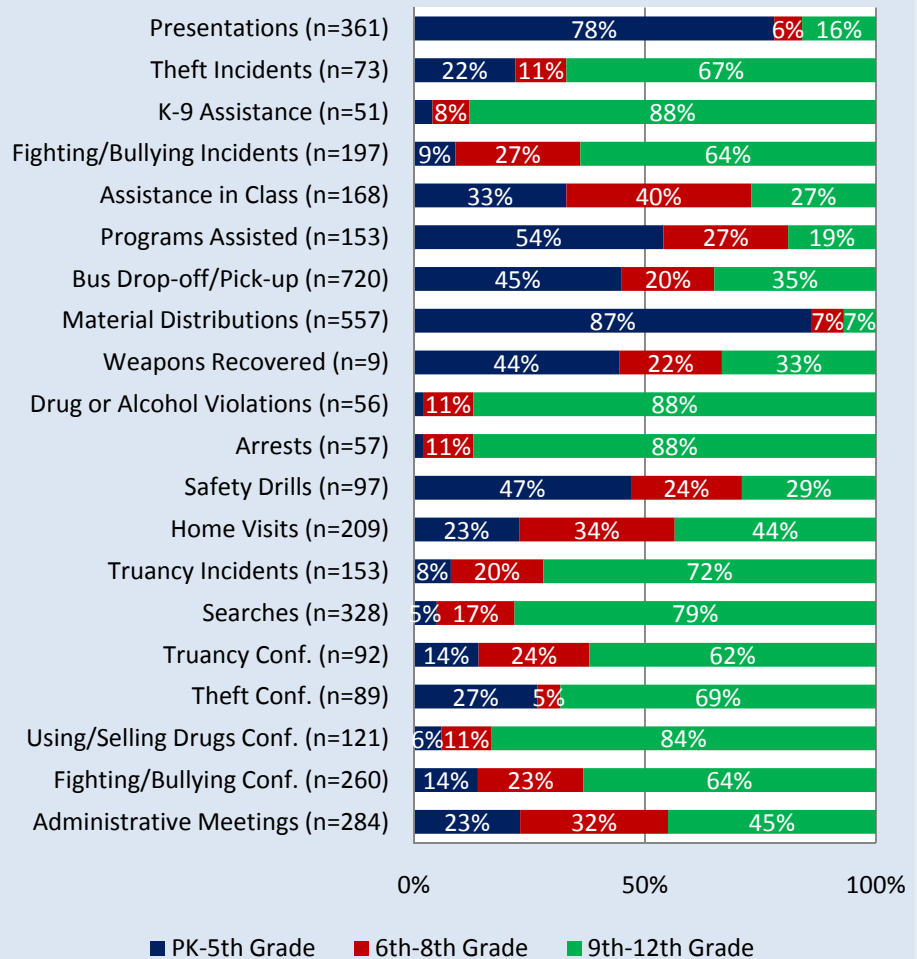
Highlights (Gibson/Warrick County)

- A total of 345 6th-12th grade students specifically listed SROs as a reason for feeling safe at school.
- The SROs spent a total of 6,463.75 hours in schools.
- Many activities involved bus drop-off/pick-up, searches, and conferences with students, parents, and teachers.
- SROs conducted...
 - 97 safety drills
 - 328 searches
 - 720 bus zone patrols
 - 361 presentations
- SROs were responsible for...
 - Recovering 9 weapons (non-firearm)
 - Making 57 arrests (youth and adults)
 - Assisting 153 educational programs
 - Assisting in 168 classes
- SROs addressed...
 - 73 theft incidents
 - 197 fighting/bullying incidents
 - 153 truancy incidents
 - 56 drug or alcohol violations

Hours Spent in Schools			
PK-5 th Grade	6 th -8 th Grade	9 th -12 th Grade	Total
1658.5 (25.7%)	1829.5 (28.3%)	2975.75 (46.0%)	6463.75

SRO Arrests, Reports, and Other Duties

Note: Administrative Meetings involve school administration, while Conferences refer to meetings with students, parents, and/or teachers



SSHS Goals include increasing the number of hours that law enforcement is present in schools, decreasing the number of students feeling unsafe at school, decreasing the number of physical fights on school property, and decreasing the number of students carrying a weapon to school. SROs are assisting schools in providing and maintaining a safe school environment through a variety of services to students and staff, including: law-related education and presentations; positive relationship building; problem solving techniques; public safety awareness; drug, crime, and violence prevention programs; planning and managing school crises; and handling dangerous or illegal behavior.

The Southwest Indiana Schools and Community Collaborative is a partnership between the Metropolitan School District of Mount Vernon, New Harmony Town and Township Consolidated School, Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, East Gibson School Corporation, North Gibson School Corporation, South Gibson School Corporation, Warrick County School Corporation, and the Catholic Diocese of Evansville Schools in Gibson, Posey and Warrick Counties along with partners in law enforcement, juvenile justice, and mental health.

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