

The Village of Lewisburg is currently accepting applications for School Resource Officer. **Job Duties and Additional Information:** A School Resource Officer performs a wide variety of police and law enforcement activities specifically related to Tri-County North Local Schools during the academic school year. The position is considered full-time – a School Resource Officer works in the school when school is in session and works the Lewisburg Police Department schedule assigned to he/she when school is not in session. The SRO will work a minimum of 40-hours per week with the possibility of overtime.

What Is a School Resource Officer? An SRO is a member of a select group of specially trained, law enforcement officers assigned to a school on a full-time basis. The officer assigned to our local school district performs a Triad-model based approach to school based policing: law enforcement officer, law-related counselor, and law-related educator. An SRO is not merely a “cop on campus.” SRO’s proactively serves the school districts in several ways:

Law Enforcement – The SRO is a visible law enforcement presence on campus to deter, prevent, and respond to crime. That officer advises school officials on law-related matters, helps assess school safety needs and serves as a vital link to other emergency personnel during critical incidents. In addition to supporting faculty in the schools, the SRO has an opportunity to provide other educational activities to the entire school community. Our officer provides crisis and emergency training to the faculty and staff.

Classroom Instructor – The SRO serves as a guest classroom instructor, teaching law-related and safety-related topics which are relevant to the school’s learning goals. Law-related education is designed to promote responsible citizenship and give students a basic understanding of how our legal system works.

Advisor – The SRO serves as an informal advisor and conflict mediator to students, parents, and faculty. Students are encouraged to seek advice from the SRO so that issues can be addressed in a positive, trusting atmosphere before it develops into more serious problems.

Role Model – The SRO serves as a role model to students. SROs must possess a high level of character and personal integrity and consistently display these attributes to students. Through this, students learn and understand what a professional law enforcement officer does.

By fully incorporating these elements, the measurable results of SROs are multiplied greatly and extend beyond the boundaries of the school. This is in addition to the lasting results which may never be measured except in the lives of the students they positively affect.

SRO Classroom Presentations may include but are not limited to:

- Anti-Bullying
- Dating Violence
- Driving Safety
- DUI Laws
- Importance of Safety Drills
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness

- Internet Safety (including social media dangers, texting/ sexting, and other age-related topics)
- Basic understanding of Search & Seizure laws (4th Amendment provisions)
- Crime Prevention

A School Resource Officer is not a classroom or administrative disciplinarian. Although he or she operates within an educational context, the SRO is a sworn, state-certified law enforcement officer governed by Constitutional, Federal, and State laws.

The SRO's disciplinary responses are limited to law violations or safety-related incidents. School-related discipline for misbehavior or school rule violations is left to school officials.

We operate on the premise that every student has a trusting relationship with at least one adult on campus. For many students, that person is an SRO. With that in mind, SROs are encouraged to become involved in various student activities such as sports, clubs, and special interest groups. SROs support school wide efforts to educate students on the consequences of unacceptable behavior, both in the school and in the community. Many crimes have been solved and many crises averted because of strong, trusting relationships developed by School Resource Officers.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen and must be 21 years of age at time of appointment.
- Must have OPOTA Certification.
- Must have a valid Ohio Driver's License.

· OPOTA Certification (Police Academy)

- Must be a high school graduate or have a GED, and possess a valid drivers license.
- Must pass a thorough background investigation. Employment is subject to a (CVSA) examination, criminal history check, medical history, and be free of dependency on alcohol or drugs.

Automatic Disqualifiers: (But not limited to)

- Tried to purchase any illegal drug(s) in the past (3) years.
- Been convicted while operating a motor vehicle (OVI, DUI, or OMVI) while under the influence of alcohol or drugs within the past (5) years.
- As an Adult 18 or older:
- Been convicted of a felony offense(s) and serious misdemeanor offenses.
- Verified, omit or convicted of any act of violence to include Domestic violence.
- Intentional violation of any protection order or temporary restraining order.
- Non-compliance with court order child support, alimony or other financial responsibility.
- Dishonorable discharge from the Military.