



North Monterey County Unified School District Welcomes School Resource Officer Program

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Moss Landing, Calif. – On Tuesday, January 24, 2017, North Monterey County Unified School District and the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office signed a Memorandum of Understanding to begin a new School Resource Officer Program for the remaining of the 2016-2017 school year thanks to a collaboration effort. The School Resource Officer Deputy will launch a program that will build positive relationships between law enforcement and youth in the NMCUSD schools and surrounding communities within North Monterey County states the Memorandum.

North Monterey County Unified School District is one of the school districts that is located within the unincorporated area of Monterey County and had to therefore work with the Sherriff’s Office to make the School Resource Officer Program possible.

"In addition to the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office and the NMCUSD Board of Trustees, other key organizations that helped to make the SRO program a reality include North County LULAC, Castroville Neighborhood Watch, the Office of Supervisor Phillips and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, as well as select parents and community members; we extend our thanks for their support and active participation in our community and schools," stated Superintendent Kari Yeater.



The School Resource Officer selected to service at NMCUSD is Deputy Humberto Coronado. Deputy Coronado has an office at North Monterey County High School campus and will visit all elementary schools, the Middle School and Central Bay Continuation School on a regular basis and respond as needed. The Deputy will be visible at each site while working with administrators to assist students, create positive relationships with students and serve as a resource for related classroom and community presentations, and develop crime prevention and safety awareness programs.

A informational letter sent to parents stated “The District is committed to ensuring that are schools are safe zones for ALL of our students; every student must be provided with an educational environment that is safe and welcoming regardless of the student’s race, ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability, or immigration status. The SRO Program will support our commitment and efforts to ensure students are safe and supported.”

The North Monterey County Unified School District Board of Education has approved a Recognition of A Safe haven School District during their January 12 regular board meeting.

Deputy Coronado is a long-time resident in the Monterey County area; he grew up in Salinas, currently coaches youth in various sports, and believes in a community policing approach.

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