

School Resource Officer

Annual Report

2021 – 2022



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Geneseo Police School Resource Officer Program

It is my pleasure to present the 2021-2022 Geneseo Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO) annual report. The full-time School Resource Officer Program at the Geneseo Central School was started in 2016, between a partnership with the Geneseo Central School and the Village of Geneseo. The mission and goal of the program is:

- To maintain a safe, secure, and uninterrupted learning environment for the staff and students at the Geneseo Central School.
- To make the Geneseo Central School District safer for all children and staff by reducing school related crime and by dealing with problems and issues identified in the student population.
- To promote respect for people and property.
- To bridge the gap between police officers and young people.
- To teach students how to avoid becoming a victim through self-awareness and crime prevention.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Geneseo Central School Board, Superintendent Cindy Flowers, GCS Staff, the Geneseo Village Board, SRO Katelyn Brado, and our Police Staff for all their support. Without such tremendous support, this program would not be a success.

Sincerely,



Chief Eric Osganian

Responsibilities of the SRO

The responsibilities of the SRO include, but are not limited to the following job-related activities:

- Promote, provide, and maintain an atmosphere of safety for students, faculty, staff and administrators.
- Serve as a law enforcement resource for students, faculty, staff, and administration.
- Work to prevent crime, enforce laws, provide a positive police presence, enforce campus security, and make security suggestions.
- Encourage, develop, and foster communications and dialogue between students, the school community and law enforcement.
- Provide counsel for students and members of the school community experiencing school, family, legal or social problems.
- Address issues involving, but not limited to, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and peer pressure prior to these issues manifesting into problems.
- Serve as a positive role model for students.
- Offer career counseling in areas that involve criminal justice and law enforcement upon request.
- Assist the school in planning and implementing conflict resolution strategies.
- Respond immediately to school needs to ensure safety in times of crisis and provide appropriate follow through.
- Focus on issues and concerns in the school that will prevent potential problems from occurring.
- Meet the faculty, parents, students, and the community to present and discuss violence prevention strategies.

The SRO Connection

Officer Katelyn Brado is our School Resource Officer. Officers Jeff Szczesniak and Joseph Hopper filled in during times that Officer Brado was not in the school.

The School Resource Officer position requires specialized training, in addition to the training a police officer receives. It also requires a special skill-set compared to that of a patrol officer. Even though the School Resource Officer is a law enforcement officer, many complaints do not involve “enforcement” or arrests. Arrests involving students at the school are very rare.

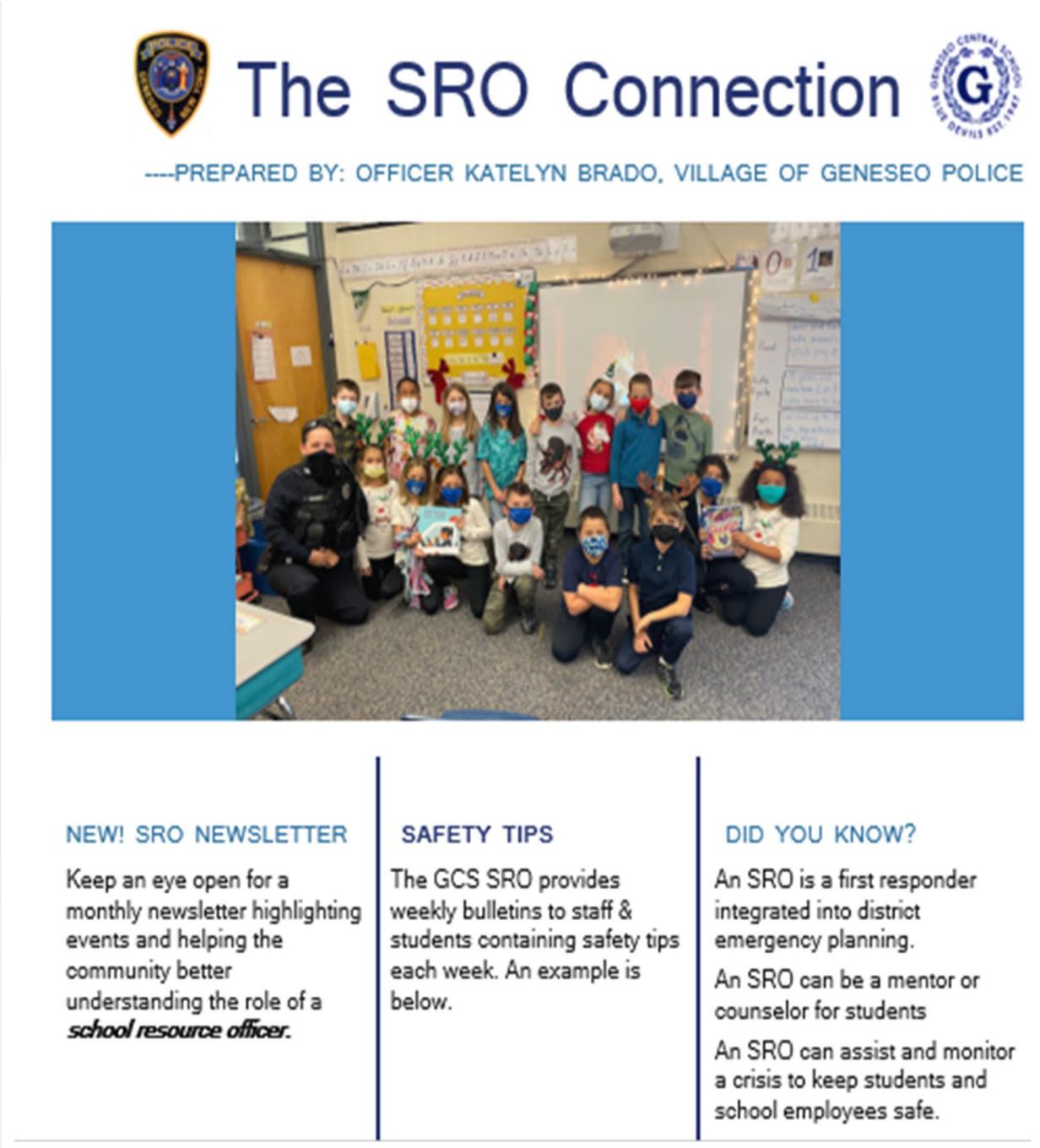
Officer Brado assists the school staff with issues that may arise during the day. She normally starts out her day checking the building to ensure it is safe and secure. The Geneseo Police Department will also have officers check the school building after school hours to make sure the doors are locked. Building safety is a priority at all times.

Officer Brado may be called upon to handle several issues throughout the day. Some of these issues have Officer Brado responding to calls within and outside the school. These calls might include locating a missing student; checking on a student that has not attended classes; addressing a safety issue in or out of school; and/or checking in on a student that may be in crisis or in need of services.

The SRO Connection

During the year Officer Brado provides information to students and staff.

Below is a newsletter that she started called, "The SRO Connection." The newsletter highlights the role of the school resource officer and provides safety tips that can be used by students and staff.



The SRO Connection

----PREPARED BY: OFFICER KATELYN BRADO, VILLAGE OF GENESEO POLICE



NEW! SRO NEWSLETTER

Keep an eye open for a monthly newsletter highlighting events and helping the community better understanding the role of a *school resource officer*.

SAFETY TIPS

The GCS SRO provides weekly bulletins to staff & students containing safety tips each week. An example is below.

DID YOU KNOW?

An SRO is a first responder integrated into district emergency planning.

An SRO can be a mentor or counselor for students

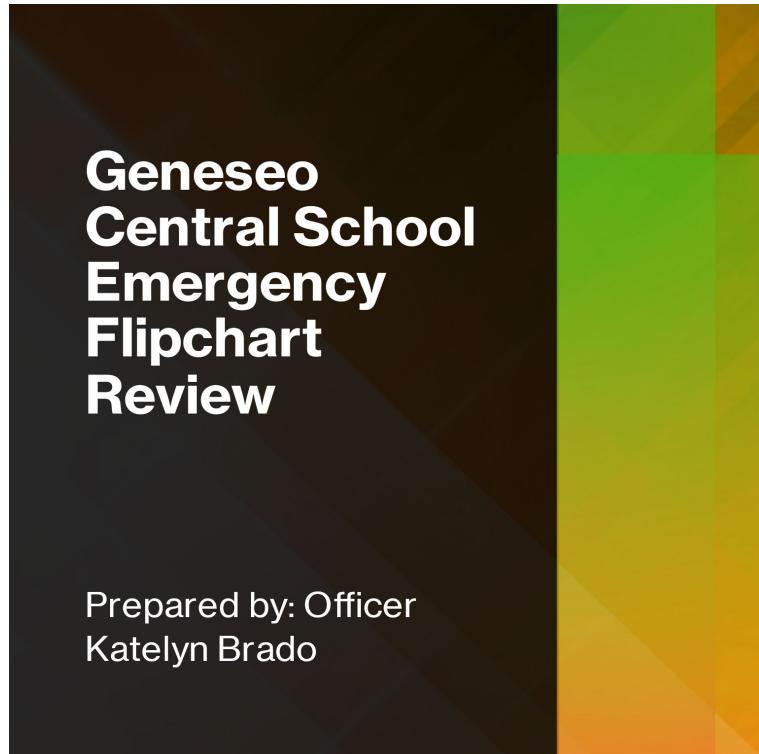
An SRO can assist and monitor a crisis to keep students and school employees safe.

The SRO Connection

Officer Brado is involved in the district's emergency planning, in the event of an emergency. To assist with the district being prepared during an emergency, Officer Brado sends out information to staff and students during the year. She also participates in several drills the school district performs. These drills are done in compliance with New York State guidelines.

The goal is to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all students and staff.

Officer Brado is also invited to speak at the Driver's Education class. She gives a presentation and answers questions from students. These questions range from her experiences with driving to driving while intoxicated enforcement questions.



The SRO Connection

The Geneseo Police Department provides all elementary students with Halloween bags. The bags are double sided and reflective. They also provide safety tips on the Halloween bags to be safe. We also provide glow sticks to the students, providing light to enhance visibility during the evening and at night.



The School Resource Officer has an opportunity to build relationships with the students, families, and staff. Building positive relationships is a goal of the School Resource Officer program.

The Geneseo Police Department also participates in the “trunk or treat” event during Halloween. In this event law enforcement officers give out candy to children during Halloween.



The SRO Connection

Below is a chart outlining some of the calls that Officer Brado responded to during the school year. These “Calls for Service” outline some of the categories that the school resource officer handles. A welfare check can be checking in on a student that has missed class. Mental health complaints can be responding to assist a student having a mental health crisis or transporting an individual to a hospital. Building security is finding doors unlocked, propped open, or left open. Missing students are students that are not accounted for in the building or have gone missing from home. Juvenile issues can include vaping at school, drug, or alcohol issues, fighting, etc. A crime report is a violation of law, which can range from a fraudulent unemployment claim that targets school staff or stolen property taken while at the school.

Calls for Service	2021-2022
Welfare Checks	71
Mental Health Complaints	17
Building Security- Open Doors	30
Missing Students	31
Juvenile Issues	79
Crime Reports Taken	13

Passed Stopped School Buses

School bus safety is a top priority for the Geneseo Police Department. By law, a motorist is required to stop when the school bus is stopped with its emergency lights on. Unfortunately, there are too many times when a motorist passes a stopped school bus potentially interfering with the safety of students.

In partnership with the Geneseo Central School, the Geneseo Police Department has installed two-way radios in all patrol cars that can communicate with all Geneseo school buses. Due to this, our apprehension rate involving passed stopped school bus violations remains very high.

During 2021 Geneseo Police Officers stopped 16 motorists for passing a Geneseo School Bus, while the bus was stopped with its emergency lights on, either picking up or dropping off students. Below is a graph showing the number of passed stopped school bus complaints over the past 4 years. (In 2020, the Covid-19 Pandemic caused schools to close and turn to remote learning).

Officer Brado's Safety Education of the Week

BUS SAFETY REMINDERS

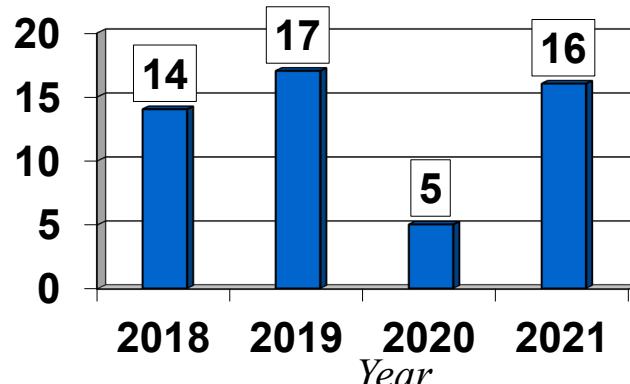


1. Walk straight to your seat.
2. Sit with your legs facing forward.
3. Speak in quiet voices.
4. Keep the aisles clear.
5. Always listen to the driver.
6. Get on and off of the bus slowly and safely.
7. If necessary, raise your hand to get the driver's attention.



Any Motorist of Anywhere can be a Schoolbus

Violations



Shop with a Cop

The Shop with a Cop program is a community grant program held in partnership between the Geneseo Police Department and the Geneseo Walmart Store. This partnership started in 2014. The Geneseo Police Department applies for a \$5,000 community grant from Walmart. These funds are used to purchase gift cards for young children to use to shop for Christmas. The program initially started out using only the Geneseo Central School, however we have expanded the program to include all public-school districts in Livingston County.

The program focuses on children that may have had a traumatic event during the year or are in need and their families may have a hard time buying Christmas presents. The children shop with a law enforcement officer in the store. School Resource Officers will obtain a list of qualifying students from their individual school district.

This year's annual Shop with a Cop event was held on December 11th at the Walmart supercenter. This year's program helped more than 150 children purchased gifts for the holidays. Below is a group picture of some of the law enforcement officers and Walmart personnel who helped with the event.



Bike Rodeo

The Geneseo Police Department, in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension, is involved in the bicycle rodeo at Highland Park, as part of the Geneseo Summer Recreation Program. The event provides an opportunity to discuss bicycle safety and develop skills to make the children better bicyclists.



Photo Album

