***Important Website Links Uniting Students And Sheriff* . . .**

The Douglas County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO) provide students in Middle and High School with three opportunities to interact with Officers of the DCSO. These three sites have created the opportunity for students and officers to be closer. Many problems at our middle and high schools have been corrected as a result of these very useful in the communication between the students and Officers. As a result, Officers and students have formed some great relationships. The reason for this article is to make sure that parents know about these communications links and for parents to see the value of the relationships being formed between the Officers and the students.

**School Resource Officers (SRO)** – The SRO program enables officers to be approachable in the schools. If a student has a problem, the student can talk with the officers privately to seek answers or help. Officers take a proactive approach in the education students. It is important to know that students feel that law enforcement officers are on their side. The program increases the interactions between the students and faculty on site.

**Text A Tip** – This program allows the student to text the DCSO about any problem at the school. It allows the student to remain anonymously. Students have the ability to provide information about problems or other students. The program gets about 400 text a tips a year and it has saved 16 lives this year. Text A Tip allows the Officers to address the issues with any student in a proper manner.

**Youth Education and Safety in Schools (YESS)** – The YESS program allows Officers to reach out to students regarding challenges like drugs, cyber bulling, bulling, relationships and more. The program is targeted to 7th and 8th graders before they get into high school and all of the problems they will face. It allows the kids to address their emotional aspects of life and how to deal with those things in life that affect their emotions.

To allow parents to know about these programs, please visit the Public Service Announcements at:

<https://vimeo.com/125861100>  (SRO)

<https://vimeo.com/125861042> (Text-a-Tip)

<https://vimeo.com/213768820> (YESS)