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Deputy Rob Bratsch has been in law enforcement since 2003. He has served as a school resource officer since 2009. Before that, Bratsch was a patrol deputy.

Q: What do you tell students and parents about school safety?

Deputy Bratsch: Be diligent. Be aware of behavioral changes among friends/colleagues. Signs of anger and/or depression, radical ideologies are all things that can signal problems in their personal life raising their risk factor. Parents, don't ever assume it could never be your child. Most parents whose child orchestrated a violent act at school will often express regret about missing the signs. Don't be afraid to seek outside help if you suspect your child is struggling emotionally, and don't be afraid to be the "nosey" parent who monitors their online activity.

Q: What do you enjoy most about being a school resource officer?

Deputy Bratsch: I enjoy being someone who has the ability to connect with the community. From all grade levels, I like being able to help establish positive attitudes toward law enforcement and/or try to change negative misconceptions and stereotypes toward police.

Q: What is one accomplishment you'd like to tell us about?

Deputy Bratsch: I think my greatest accomplishment (personally) is being able to overcome a lot of odds to get to where I am today. I grew up extremely poor in a rough neighborhood. I didn't have the greatest interest in school, got in a fair bit of trouble and even had children at a young age. But I entered the military after high school, determined to better myself. I eventually returned and after a few years (and a career change), I began my work in law enforcement. I think that my life experience and background allow me to better reach and relate to others.

Q: What is your favorite hobby?

Deputy Bratsch: I have so many hobbies that it's difficult to choose a favorite. I enjoy playing music (I have played bagpipes for many years and am currently a member of the Colorado Emerald Society. I also play tenor saxophone and even took piano lessons for a while.) I enjoy woodworking, boating, waterskiing, wakeboarding, snow skiing, camping, mountain biking, and golf.