Deputy James Englert has worked at the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office since 1999. He’s been a school resource officer (SRO) since 2005. Deputy Englert serves on the board of the National Association of School Resource Officers and as an SRO instructor.

Q: What would you tell a student, parent, or staff member about keeping their school safe?

Deputy Englert: A lot of school safety is dependent upon the main users of the building; students, parents and staff. If you see something unsafe, let someone know to make it a safe situation. For example, you see a suspicious person on campus or an unfamiliar person in the building – let someone know.

Q: What do you enjoy the most about being an SRO?

Deputy Englert: My favorite part is interacting with the students and getting to know them. It’s rewarding when you see someone who has been struggling and you have suggested something to them to change their situation, then you see that person excel.

Q: What is your biggest accomplishment?

Deputy Englert: One of my professional accomplishments was receiving an e-mail from a graduate of Arapahoe High from more than 10 years ago. The person thanked me for being respectful toward him after he had a fight and was charged with assault. He wrote that he often thought about how I treated him. Personally, my favorite accomplishment is my family.

Q: What is your favorite hobby?

Deputy Englert: My favorite hobby is riding my bike. Road bikes, mountain bikes, fat bikes and any bike!