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**Deputy James Mason** has been in law enforcement since 2007. He has served as a school resource officer since 2014. He teaches arrest control, casualty care and crisis intervention in the training unit. He is also an advisor to Explorers.

**Q: What do you tell parents, students and staff about keeping schools safe?**

**Deputy Mason:** An important aspect of personal safety is being aware of your surroundings. Be vigilant of what is happening around you and trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't, so remove yourself from the situation and report it to a trusted adult. Limit restricting your senses, such as vision and hearing (i.e. headphones and loud music) to ensure a higher level of safety. At school everyone is responsible for each other's safety and deputies often get great tips from students.

**Q: What do you like most about being an SRO?**

**Deputy Mason:** My favorite aspect of being an SRO is the positive impact we make with the community. We are often able to intervene and prevent circumstances from moving toward criminal charges. Besides the advice and conversations I have with individuals who have made poor choices, I enjoy having conversations and meeting students.

**Q: What is your biggest accomplishment?**

**Deputy Mason:** Being an SRO is one of my favorite accomplishments. My high school SRO at Hinkley High School had a positive impact on my life (thanks Officer Roberts!) From that point, I decided to include becoming an SRO in my career path.

**Q: What is your favorite hobby?**

**Deputy Mason:** During my free time, I enjoy watching baseball, fishing and shooting sports. Most of all, I enjoy spending time with my family and being a father.