

School Resource Officer Update

As you may know, the Ocean View Police Department began the placement of a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in September under an agreement with the Indian River School District. The program is intended to be maintained and funded partly by the Town as well as through local fundraising efforts.

“The SRO program is off to a great start and is already having a positive impact on our students”, said school Principal Pamela Webb. Principal Webb also shared, “SRO Bradshaw has been busy engaging with the students, teachers and parents. He has delivered the Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program to all Kindergarten through 4th grade classes. Over 450 students got to participate. The Eddie Eagle program focuses on 4 easy to recall steps to follow (STOP, DON'T TOUCH, RUN AWAY and TELL A GROWN-UP) if you encounter a gun.

In April, along with the state DOT, third graders participated in a Bike Safety program including participation in a Bike Rodeo. The Bike Rodeo highlighted bike safety and the importance of wearing a bike helmet and following traffic laws. DelDOT set up the bike course in the parking lot .

In late May, the OVPD and the Drug Enforcement Agency are teaming up to provide the 4th and 5th grades with a one day Drug Awareness presentation that will focus on legal vs. illegal drugs, alcohol and marijuana, and provide strategies to stay drug free. Additional offerings will include the HERO Anti-Bullying program and basic first aid/cpr training for the students.

Interested community members may **help support the continuation of the SRO program** at Lord Baltimore by mailing a donation to: **FOP LODGE 16 OVPD/SRO; P.O. Box 966, Bethany Beach, DE 19930**