

Community Resource Program

Community Resource Deputies Megan Wenisch and Holly Bloodsaw dedicate the majority of their time to the schools throughout the entire county when school is in session. While school is out, they are tasked with focusing on other events going on in the county by working closely with each community. This position places a law enforcement presence in the schools and helps act as a deterrent to any potential school violence. The responsibility of a Community Resource Deputy is working with administrators and faculty on developing safety plans to ensure the schools are a safe place for everyone.

Deputy Wenisch covers the eastern portion of the county including the Richardton Taylor Public School and Taylor Elementary. Deputy Bloodsaw covers the western portion of Stark County that includes South Heart Public School and Belfield School. Deputies maintain close communication with each other and continue to provide safety at the school and community events. Splitting up the county allows each Deputy to build strong relationships with students, staff, and community members within Stark County. Community Resource Deputies are responsible for investigating both criminal and status offences (those that pertain to juveniles).

Training and education stand as a main priority to this position as things are always evolving. Deputy Wenisch and Deputy Bloodsaw have taught classes in regard to street safety, responsible driving, responsible social media use, and the dangers of vaping.

The coronavirus has brought new challenges to the school systems. Students and faculty have had to follow new guidelines in efforts to keep everyone safe through the pandemic by wearing masks during school and sporting events. Deputies have also done home visits during distance learning to ensure students welfare due to the high number of absences/truancy's in our school.

Social Media continues to be the main form of communication, both in schools and throughout Stark County. Areas of concern have been the distribution of inappropriate images and online bullying. Deputy Wenisch and Deputy Bloodsaw strive to educate students on making responsible decisions. Their end goal is for students to make better choices in the future.

