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## GLENDALE MAKES SCHOOL SAFETY A TOP PRIORITY

**Glendale, Ariz. –March 23, 2018** - The city of Glendale has announced a significant increase in the level of school resource officer (SRO) support at Glendale’s public high schools. Effective immediately, all city public high school’s will have a dedicated Glendale police officer on campus. Glendale is home to nine different public high school campuses, belonging to four different school districts. “By the time Spring break is over, every public high school within our jurisdiction will have a dedicated officer serving students and staff, providing rapid response capabilities should there be any threat or incident,” said Glendale Police Chief Rick St. John.

Chief St. John, along with Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers and City Manager Kevin Phelps, believe that this is necessary in the current climate of increased violent threats against students and teachers. “I want to ensure the citizens of Glendale that myself, the City Council, our city management and our police department are committed to keeping our schools and all of our citizens safe,” said Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers. “Highly trained police officers are exactly what we need in our schools protecting and serving students and staff and that is why we have made the decision to take the lead by taking this action.”

“Schools should be a place where kids go to learn and teachers are able to focus on teaching,” said City Manager Kevin Phelps. “With so many tragic school incidents happening nationwide, the time has come that we as city leaders must step-up and do all we can to create an environment, so our students don’t live in fear.”

The implementation of this plan will result in a full-time Glendale police officer on every high school campus in the city. A new dedicated SRO will be on the school grounds for Deer Valley High School, Mountain Ridge High School, Apollo High School, Glendale High School and Independence High School. Previous assignments of full-time resource officers at Raymond S. Kellis High School, Copper Canyon High School, Cactus High School and Ironwood High School will continue.

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