

Officer Melissa Arps



Hello! My name is Melissa Arps and I am the SRO for Two Rivers High School. I have been with the Two Rivers Police Department since 2002. I worked 3rd shift patrol for several years before moving to first shift. Since 2007 I have been the SRO at TRHS during the school year. I am originally from Manitowoc and I have a lot of family in the area. I love being a police officer but my favorite part of my job is being an SRO and working with the youth of our community. I have wanted to be an SRO since I was in high school. Being at the HS gives me a chance to build rapport with the youth and lets kids know that police aren't always around for negative reasons or just when things are bad. Being an available, positive resource for students, staff, families, community members, and the police is very important to me.

Ensuring student and staff safety at the HS and throughout the district is one of my most important tasks as an SRO. All of our staff and students have been trained in ALICE and I am a certified ALICE trainer and independent contractor for the ALICE Training Institute. I also do take reports, help mediate problems, answer a lot of questions, conduct investigations and issue citations as needed. I get into many different classrooms and present on numerous different topics. I actually teach an "Intro to Criminal Justice" ½ credit class at the HS daily. The class gives students a look into law enforcement and the criminal justice field to better understand what job opportunities are out there and also why we do what we do. The class is recognized through LTC and gives the students college credit. I also teach DARE to 5th grade students at St. Peter the Fisherman and LBC Middle School. I attend trainings and conferences to make sure I keep up to date on the most current school, juvenile, and law updates and trends so that I can better serve my community.

Please feel free to contact me at TRHS at (920) 793-7187

On a side note: Did you know....

- I have an amazing 4 year old daughter who just started 4-k this year ☺
- That I am also a state certified counselor and I work out of a private practice in Appleton? I provide counseling services mostly to law enforcement and law enforcement families or people who have dealt with suicide, critical incidents and/or trauma.
- I enjoy spending time outdoors with family and friends
- I am a Brewer and.....yes, a Chicago Bears fan....

Additional Duties:

Crisis Negotiator on Manitowoc County SOS Team, Step-wise Forensic interviewer, Evidence Technician (CSI), Field Training Officer, CVSA Examiner, Bike Patrol Team Member, Manitowoc County Law Enforcement Peer Support Team Coordinator, Manitowoc County CISM Team member, WI LEDR Team member, Teen Intervene Facilitator, Intro to Criminal Justice Instructor, DARE Instructor, Certified ALICE Trainer and Independent Contractor, RADAR/LASER Instructor, Peer Support Instructor, Psychological First Aide for LE Instructor, QPR Instructor, TIPS Instructor, Manitowoc County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Board Member, Manitowoc County Youth Intervention Network (JDAI) member, WJOA board member, WI SRO member.

Education:

FVTC: Associates Degree in Criminal Justice
Silver Lake College: Bachelors Degree Psychology
Lakeland College: Masters Degree in Counseling