



Officer Adam Gongwer

A joint agreement between Ontario Schools and the City of Ontario has placed a School Resource Officer (SRO) in the district's buildings.

Officer Gongwer's duties will include, but not limited to:

- Providing a positive influence on school campuses.
- Working in partnerships with teachers, administrators, students and parents to reduce and prevent crime and violence in the school setting.
- Promote a greater understanding of the laws and youth citizenship.
- Bring knowledge and experience to the school community that helps youth make positive choices that affect their future.
- Solves problems with students, staff and parents.
- Planning for personal safety and security on school campus.
- Mentors students through classroom activities and daily interaction.

Ontario School students receive A.L.i.C.E. training.

SRO Adam Gongwer has trained Ontario Students (6th-12th grades) in additional options and enhancements to the current lockdown procedure to an emergency. Once students are told to go into lockdown, the teacher will decide what additional options are available to utilize in order to protect their classroom or remove the students from danger. ALiCE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. Ontario Schools will now give plain language over the PA system to alert staff to the emergency. Teachers will continue to put their classroom into lockdown; however, the students will now decide whether to barricade the doorway, tie down the door handle, and gather items that can be used as weapons. Administrators will continually inform staff on the status of the emergency. Based on real-time information, staff will be able to choose from Counter strategies and Evacuation plans. Counter strategies include throwing objects at the intruder should they enter the room, attacking the attacker once they are distracted, fighting dirty if necessary and securing the weapon under a trash can once it is away

from the attacker. Evacuation, if it can be done safely, includes running in a zig-zag pattern or getting out through a window. These are only a few of the strategies and additional tips are given to the students on how to respond to police once they are on scene. SRO Gongwer has already trained the administration, staff, bus drivers and also presented at the first open parent forum. He also presents the A.L.i.C.E. strategies to businesses and religious organizations.

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Feel free to ask him any questions, contact him:

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