

## Ellwood School Police Department



The Ellwood City Area School District employed two full-time School Police Officers starting in the 2019-2020 school year. They are school district employees and are responsible for providing for the safety and protection of all students in our school district.

Our School Police Department helps to keep our schools safe by coordinating and enforcing school security and law enforcement issues. Additionally, the School Police Officers help to educate students throughout the year on a variety of age appropriate topics, such as underage drinking, safe driving education, vaping, and substance abuse.

The Ellwood City Area School District is being as proactive as possible by hiring highly qualified candidates to fill these positions. Each officer comes to us with over 25 years of experience in the law enforcement field. They also have training in first aid and emergency medical response. You will notice that Ellwood City Police Officers are present in all ECASD schools, working with students to build positive relationships and helping to identify and stem problems before they can escalate. School Police Officers help to keep the lines of communication open between students, families, administration, and law enforcement.

School Police Officers also assist the District with refining and enhancing its safety procedures. They are integral to planning safety drills that impact both students and faculty.

Our Pennsylvania-certified School Police Officers have over 50 years of combined experience in local law enforcement and as being school police officers in other school districts. They have the authority to exercise the same powers granted under authority of law, including but not limited to: the issuance of summary citations, as well as the power to arrest.

## **ELLWOOD CITY AREA SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Lincoln Junior Senior High School**

Officer Brian Speer (Officer in charge)

### **Hartman Intermediate School**

Officer Hannah Shepler

### **Perry Lower Intermediate**

Officer Matthew Smock

### **North Side Primary**

Officer Greg Beighey

Department email contact [ecschooldspolice@ellwood.k12.pa.us](mailto:ecschooldspolice@ellwood.k12.pa.us)

