



## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **MILL CREEK OFFICER SELECTED AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

The Washington School Safety Organization (WSSO) has named Mill Creek Police Officer Rory Mundwiler as the 2013 School Resource Officer (SRO) of the Year. WSSO Vice President, Deputy Karen Davy, stated, "Our Board chose Rory because staff and students alike see him as a professional who is completely capable of handling a crisis but also someone who is compassionate and can reach the kids on a level they understand."

SROs are sworn police officers responsible for promoting safety, security and a positive learning environment in our local schools. In every effort to uphold this standard the SRO works closely with parents, teachers, administrators, students, members of the community and, of course, police staff.

Officer Mundwiler is a four year veteran of the Mill Creek Police Department and has been assigned as the School Resource Officer serving the Henry M. Jackson High school and the Heatherwood Middle school staff and students since 2011. The City of Mill Creek and the Everett School District have provided School Resource Officer services to Jackson High school and Heatherwood Middle school since 1996 through a Cooperative Agreement.

As submitted by Officer Mundwiler's supervisor Detective Sergeant Kate Hamilton, "*Officer Mundwiler is respected by all the staff and students, and he has embraced the school's culture and created a working relationship that is defined by what works best for the students.*"

Officer Mundwiler will be recognized by the Mill Creek City Council on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

WSSO is an organization comprised of School Administrators, School Security Officers, DARE Officers, and School Resource Officers representing Washington State.

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