



# San Mateo Police Department

## School Resource Officer Program

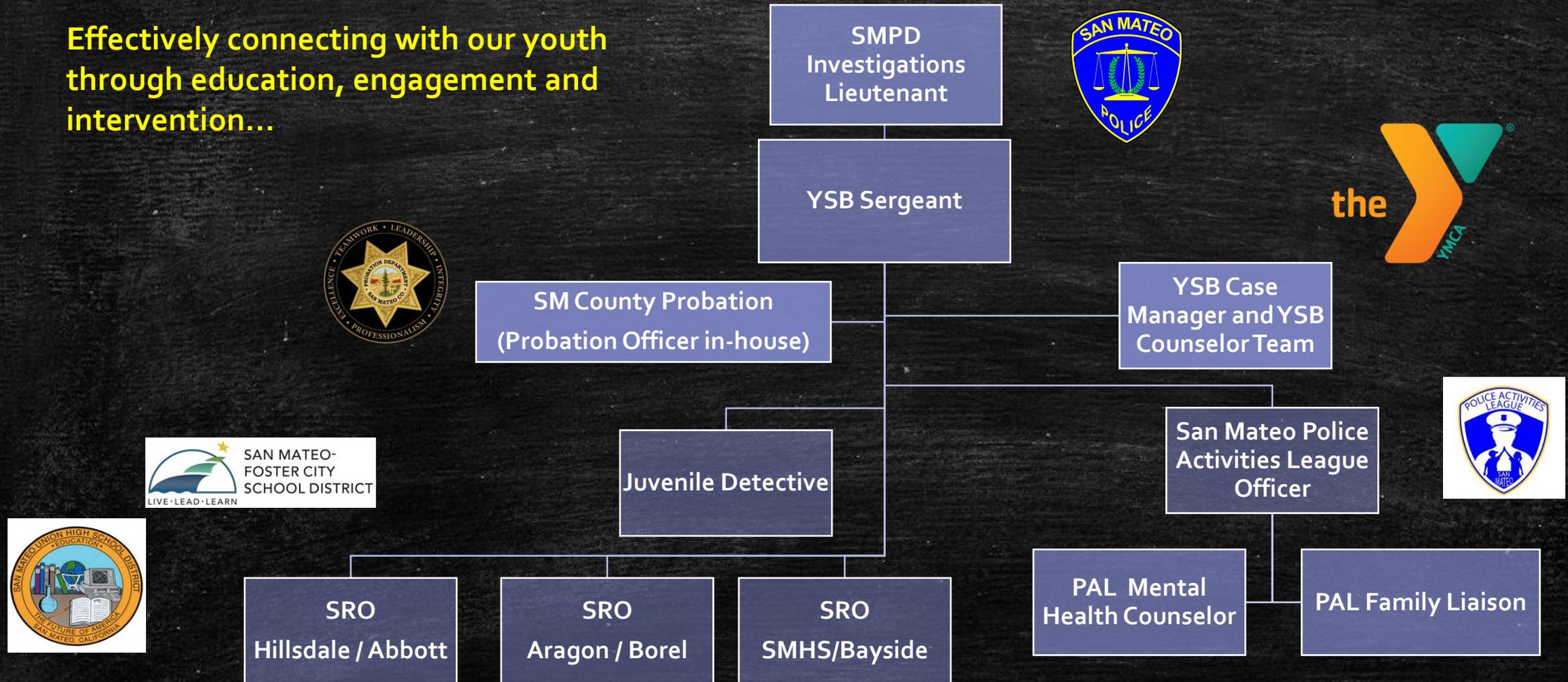
A Partnership for Restorative Justice,  
Enhanced Trust, and Safer Communities



# SMPD Youth Services Unit (YSU)

## As of January 2018

Effectively connecting with our youth through education, engagement and intervention...



# GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Over 1000 students** have received training since 2013
  - SROs dedicate 550 hours per year to this training!
- **Class of 2019** - first High School graduating class of students to have all received G.R.E.A.T. in the San Mateo/ Foster City middle schools
- **G.R.E.A.T.** - 13 Week Structured and Evidence-Based Program
  - This course **taught by** Police Officers to **every Public School 6<sup>th</sup> Grader** in San Mateo **empowers students** by teaching them Anti Bullying, Anti Gang, "**Social Defense Skills**"



# SROs in San Mateo Public Schools - Mission

- Assuring Security Presence on Campus
  - Big Five / ALICE Training (all SROs are certified instructors)
- Close Connection with Faculty for Important Safety and Communication Issues **24-7-365**
- Provide Preventative Education to Youth – to reduce behavior issues and crimes on campus **G.R.E.A.T**
- Early Identification of at-risk or vulnerable youth for outreach and services **truancy-health-safety-threat**

- A** = Alert
- L** = Lockdown
- i** = Inform
- C** = Counter
- E** = Evacuate



# Approximate Statistics on SROs in the Middle Schools from August 2018 - April 2019

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- Calls for service vs reports taken:
  - Incidents – Approximately **460**
  - Police Reports – Approximately **60 (not all are crime reports)**
- Restorative Justice, Wellness, Safety and other activities
  - Threat Assessments – **8 students**
  - Diversion Referrals – **11 students**
  - SARB Meetings – Approximately **12, plus home visits**
  - 5150s – **34 students**
  - Welfare Checks (Including physical/sexual abuse) – **Over 200 incidents**
  - Constant interaction – multiple opportunities per week
    - Restorative Justice meetings, Student / Parent meetings, Consultations with Faculty on Safety Matters

# Threat Assessments

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- San Mateo County **Student Threat Assessment Team**
  - **All SROs are trained in student threat assessments** for goal of ensuring school safety
  - Threat assessments handled at the school are Level 1. Level 2 Threat Assessments are performed at a higher level if deemed applicable
    - **SMPDYSU Sergeant is part of the Level 2 Team**
  - Addition of **Adult Threat Assessment Team**
    - Applicable if adult is making threat to a school
  - **Case Example of Middle School Threat Assessment**
    - Connected youth with mental health resources, PAL, Diversion Team notified

# **SMPD, our Schools, and our Youth – A Vital Partnership!**

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- **The relationship between our Police Department and our community's children is a high priority for the City of San Mateo and SMPD.**
- **The presence of SROs on campus builds bonds between the students, SMPD, and School Staff, and also provides significant background and important context for our police officers interacting with youth at all times – day or night, citywide – lowering risk, elevating safety, and facilitating communication with both the present and the future of this community.**
- **This is an investment in our future.**