

# MINNESOTA JUVENILE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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Membership update **Sep 1, 2023**

*On behalf of the Minnesota Juvenile Officers Association we would like to thank each of you for your dedication and hard work for being a positive role model to our youth. Contrary to the belief, respected and caring officers do have a positive impact on kids.*

*Minnesota Juvenile Officers Associations has been dedicated to training school resource officers since 1955. We strive to provide the best annual training and resources to our membership. We promote the importance of qualified and trained officers to be in the school resource officer role which is vital to school safety and bridging relationships between law enforcement and communities.*

*As you are all aware, a recent law came into play that significantly affects SRO's abilities to perform the job at the highest standards. The decision had nothing to do with case law or even a recent incident, it was done out of a smear context to make our duties just that more difficult and create a bigger negative image to law enforcement. As a SRO, it takes countless hours of training and a specific mind set to be successful.*

*We have received numerous inquiries asking what is being done from MNJOA stand point and how can we influence to have the law removed? As an association we have been working closely with NASRO and their attorneys. Furthermore, we have been relying on help from MPPOA and Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association. As an association, we have also sent a letter to Governor Walz, Attorney General Ellison, and to top lawmakers expressing our frustration.*

*We as an association will continue to put pressure on the powers to have this law reviewed and possibly overturned. As new information becomes available we will make sure to keep each of you updated.*

*Please keep up the great work each of you do each and every day. If you have any questions please feel free to let us know*

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