

Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 5:17 PM

Good evening,

We have received a number of calls asking about the recovery of our Twin Rivers police officer who was shot four times. He is resting and is expected to make a full recovery. He wanted to thank everyone for their cards and wishes for a quick recovery.

We have also been asked to clarify the role of TRPD. It is helpful to note that TRPD officers attend the same State of California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) police academies and supplemental training as other officers in law enforcement agencies across the state and have the same authority as any officer under the POST Commission. However, we are taking recent concerns and feedback from some members of the community as an opportunity to renew and narrow our focus to provide even better service for schools.

As part of our ongoing process of reviewing and improving operations, we are refining our guidelines for traffic and towing. We will be making vehicle and pedestrian stops when the violation poses a threat to the public. (For example, speeding, reckless driving, failure to stop, etc.) Vehicles will be towed when they are abandoned, stolen, or illegally parked on or adjacent to Twin Rivers Unified facilities or facilities governed by organizational contracts with TRPD.

In a climate of cutbacks and strapped local police agencies, TRPD has kept crisis response times consistently quick and ensured the safety of our students, staff, and schools. They are immediately available to our schools should a child go missing, a dangerous intruder steps onto a campus, or there is an unsafe vehicle driving near a campus or park. They have recovered laptop computers, expensive copper wiring, and other school equipment while apprehending those that would steal or worse.

TRPD works directly with our students through our Criminal Justice Academy, cyber safety courses, bicycle safety, truancy prevention, gang prevention, Operation Christmas, and Kops and Kids camp each year.

We will continue to meet with community members in small group and 1 on1 meetings to provide education about TRPD and hear constructive input about potential adjustments. We believe this process of listening and refinement will allow all of us to better focus on our core mission of ensuring a safe and secure environment for all of our students, staff and community.