



# MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## IMPACT THROUGH YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROJECT SUCCESS



Sean Dodge, Student Engagement Officer  
Modesto Police Department



# About Me – Officer Sean

- Started in 1997 as a Patrol Officer
- Served as DARE Officer, PAL Director, & SRO
- Promoted to Detective (2007)
  - Property Crimes (1 year)
  - Special Crimes (15 years)
- School Engagement Officer – Focused on youth outreach & intervention
  - California Violence Intervention & Prevention (CalVIP) Grant – Supporting violence prevention efforts
  - Engages with 7 identified schools (Mark Twain JH, Robertson Rd, Kirschen, James Marshall, Burbank, Franklin, & Aspire University Charter)

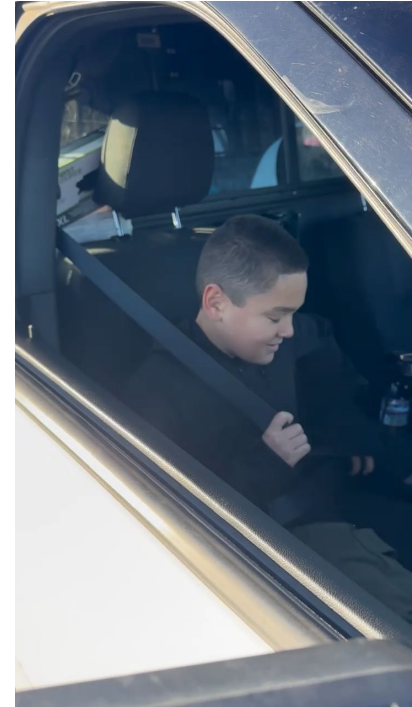




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# Programs Offered

- Safety/Career Fair Presentations
- Junior Cadets
- 10K With a Cop
- The Healthy Room Project
- Kindergarten Cop
- Junior High Student for the Day
- 10 Minutes to Win It
- Recess Play Program
- Save Me a Seat
- Sierra Vista Mentorship
- Back to School Nights, Carnivals, Etc.





# 10K With a Cop

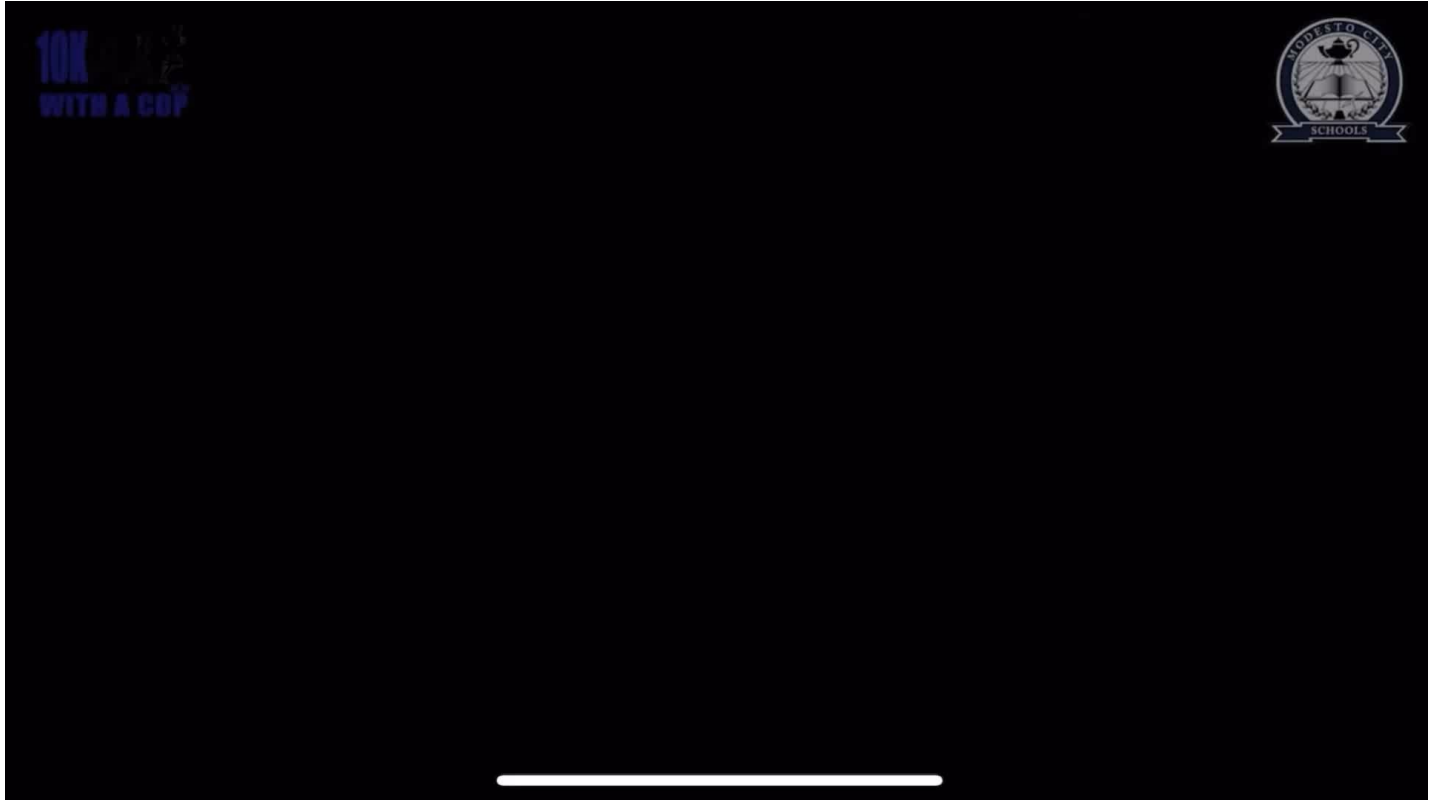
- Launched in 2017 at 10 Modesto schools, now serving 2,000+ youth across 22 schools in 2024/2025.
- Combines running with character-building, teaching resilience and goal-setting.
- Increased family involvement with parents cheering and joining community events.
- Strengthens community ties, promoting fitness, personal growth, and trust in law enforcement.





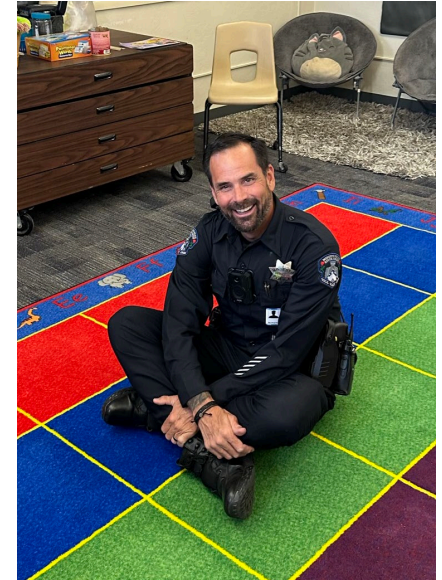
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# 10K With a Cop



# Kindergarten Cop

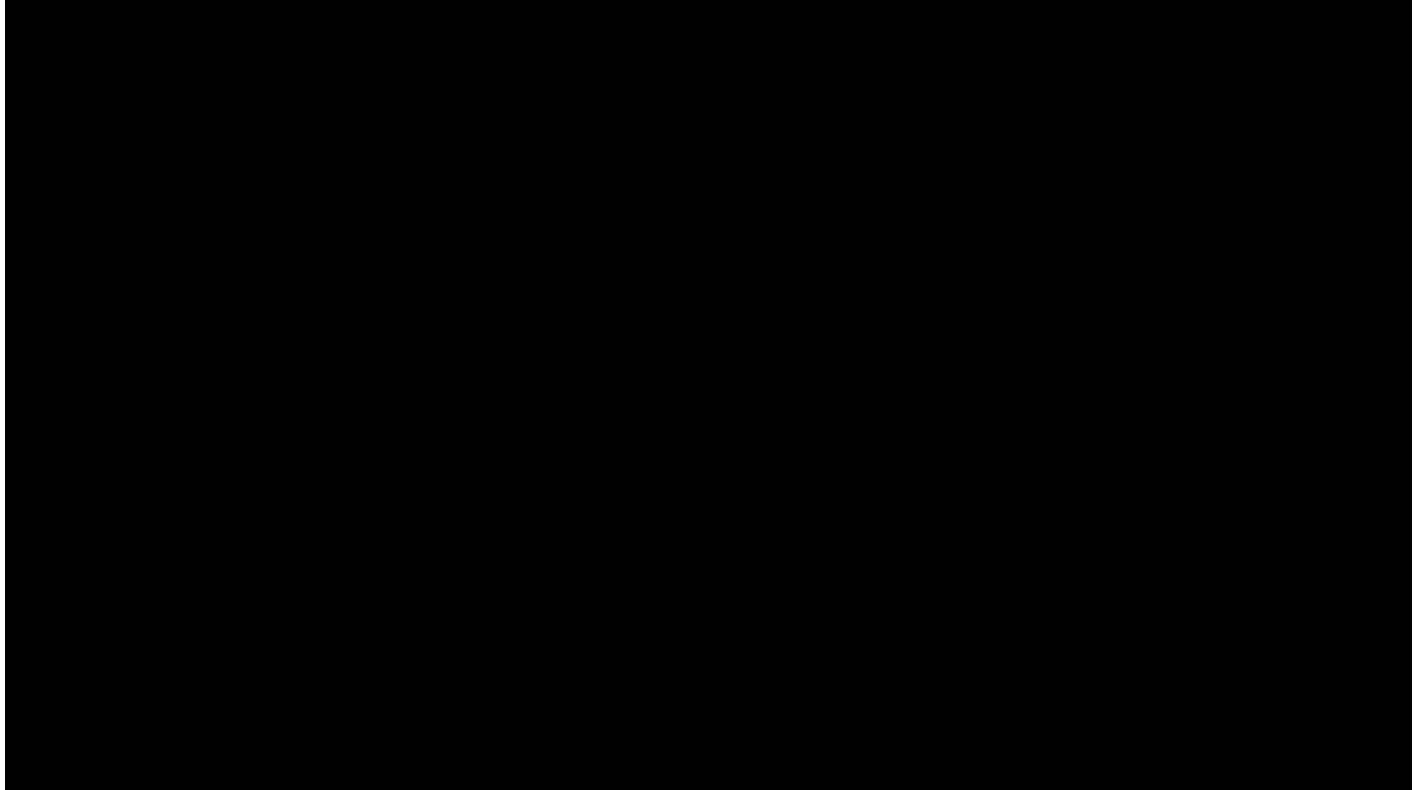
- SEO spends a week as a kindergarten student at the end of the school year
- Joins daily activities like crisscross applesauce, finger-painting, singing, and recess
- Builds positive connections, showing law enforcement is approachable & supportive
- Fosters early trust and comfort with law enforcement





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# Kindergarten Cop



# Junior High School

- **10 Minutes to Win It** – Lunchtime sports with the SEO, promoting teamwork and deterring bullying.
- **Save Me a Seat** – A program by the Activities Director and leadership club, helping students connect.
- **Junior High Student for the Day** – The SEO spends a day as a student, building positive relationships.





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# Healthy Room Project

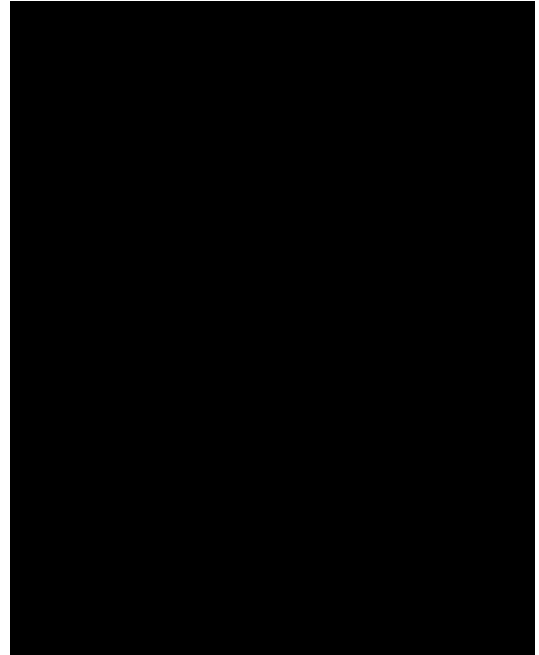




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# Healthy Room Project

- Transforms bedrooms for at-risk youth with law enforcement and community partners
- One-day makeovers providing essentials and personalized spaces
- Launched in June 2022, impacting 300+ youth nationally (114 youth in Modesto, 80% in the Central Valley)
- SEO helps identify families and expand reach
- Builds trust, strengthens community, and supports law enforcement mental health



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# Healthy Food Project



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# Are We Making a Difference?

## Numbers Provided by Mark Twain Junior High School

- Suspension Rates
  - 2021-2022 – 11.08%
  - 2022-2023 – 8.45%
  - 2023-2024 – 5% during the time of report (April 2024)
- Students Suspended for Physical Altercations
  - 2021-2022 – 162
  - 2022-2023 – 82
  - 2023-2024 – 42 during the time of report (April 2024)
- Attendance rates
  - 2021-2022 – 87.34%
  - 2022-2023 – 91.41%
  - 2023-2024 – 93.15% during the time of report (April 2024)
- Students being referred for mental health services decreased by 35%



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# Are We Making a Difference?

*“Project Success is making a significant difference in enhancing student participation, motivation, and academic achievement, ultimately contributing to the overall success and well-being of students.”*

- Yolanda Molina  
Student Services Administrator  
Mark Twain Jr. High School



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# Are We Making a Difference?

## 10K With a Cop (01/01/2025 to 03/08/2025)

- 2,839 Youth Impact / 105 Activations
  - 1,532 Impacted / 56 Activations within the CalVIP Grant Zone
  - Final Run 1026 Registered Runners
    - 559 Females / 467 Males
    - 607 Under the age of 18
      - 290 Female / 316 Male
- **Healthy Room Project**
  - 2022 – 10
  - 2023 – 23
  - 2024 – 58
  - 2025 – 23 (as of 3/13/2025)



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# Community Partnerships

- **Collaborative Efforts:** Since 2018, 10K With A Cop & The Healthy Room Project have partnered with over 50 organizations in Stanislaus County and throughout the Central Valley
- **Support Initiatives:**
  - Resiliency training
  - Health & fitness programs
  - Essential Services: Food, Clothing, Home Improvements
- **Community Involvement with Contributions Including:**
  - Financial Support
  - Volunteer Staffing
  - Donations
- **Impact:** Thousands of youth and families supported, reflecting a strong commitment to community wellness and positive change.



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**Questions?**



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