



# City of Downey

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In light of the recent tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, the Downey Police Department wants to reaffirm its commitment to the community in keeping children safe. School safety will always be our primary focus.

The Downey Police Department and the Downey Unified School District joined together in 1998 and created a School Safety Program. This program allows for a School Resource Officer to be assigned daily to Warren, Downey, and Columbus High Schools. Besides being a crime deterrent, officers often assist school administrators in truancy enforcement and provide “one-on-one” counseling with at risk students. After careful collaboration with DUSD Administrators, Downey P.D. recently instituted weekly uniform patrol visits to all Downey schools.

Downey P.D. enjoys a wonderful working relationship with DUSD. Daily communication and information sharing has been instrumental to our commitment in providing a safe environment for children to learn.