

SMOGORZEWSKI TAKES OVER AS SRO

My name is Thomas Smogorzewski. (It's pronounced smoke-a-jetski, minus the t. So smoke-a-jeski). I am a Deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and your new School Resource Officer.



I have served as a peace officer for over 10 years now. I served the city of Ballwin for five years and have been blessed to serve the citizens of Jefferson County for almost six years now.

This is my first experience as a School Resource Officer and I look forward to learning and growing in this position. I do not take this opportunity lightly. It is my honor to protect your students and serve the Grandview school community in this capacity. While the safety and security of the students here is paramount, my main focus and goal is to foster positive relationships, build bridges between the Sheriff's Office and the community, and be a positive role model to the students of this school.

I look forward to working with staff and parents to accomplish this. I want to reiterate, that student safety is my number one priority.



A little about myself. I am 36 years young. I am a resident of Hillsboro but grew up in Arnold. I graduated from Fox Senior High School in June of 2006 and shipped off to bootcamp for the Army (active duty) in August of the same year.



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I proudly served this country until the end of 2011, having done a tour in Afghanistan from 2010 to 2011.

Ever since high school, I have had a strong desire to serve. That service has always been in focus but has shifted from military service to police service, to now police service in a different capacity; protecting and serving the community at Grandview. I am married to an educator and was blessed with two wonderful boys. In my free time, they do a fine job keeping me busy with wrestling and soccer. I wouldn't have it any other way.

Honor, integrity, pride, selfless service, courage, and sacrifice are character traits that I hold close. These are standards which I have and will continue to conduct myself by. Attached to this is my school e-mail address (smogorzewskit@grandviewr2.org). I would like to foster open communication so I can better serve your students' needs.