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**(Neb.)-Talk Of SRO For Crawford Schools**

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(Chadron)-One hot topic recently has been gun control and safety of students after the devastating school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut. Chadron Public Schools has had a School Resource Officer for several years, and both the School District and the Police Department feel this has been very beneficial for all involved.

Crawford Public Schools are now looking at the possibility of having an SRO in their schools. At the Dawes County Commissioner's Meeting on Wednesday, Commissioner Webb Johnson reported he had been in contact with the Crawford School District regarding an SRO. The school discussed this in October of 2012 but no action was taken.

Commissioner Stacy Swinney reported there is a possibility that the Panhandle Mental Health Board could contribute towards the cost to have a SRO in Crawford. If such a position would be implemented in the schools there, it would be supervised by the Dawes County Sheriff's Office as they provide law enforcement for the community. At this time, there has only been discussion on this possibility. As talks continue, we will keep people updated on any progress.

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