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On Wednesday, June 18th, 2008, Hinsdale Police School Resource Officer Mark Keller was recognized as the "School Resource Officer of the Year" by the Illinois School Resource Officer Association at their recent annual conference.

Keller is assigned to Hinsdale Central High School.

Officer Keller was the first Hinsdale Police Officer to work in the high school when the position was created in 1999 and worked there through 2004. He was reassigned again there in the Fall of 2007.

"Mark was a pioneer in the SRO program and I know he has served as a resource for resource officers across the state" Chief Bradley Bloom stated. We are pleased for Mark. He has done an excellent job developing relationships with students and staff at the school and represents the Police Department well" Bloom added.

Officer Keller was nominated for this award by a member of the Illinois School Resource Office Association, with the support of the Hinsdale High School District 86 school administration and staff. Hinsdale Central Principal Kevin Pobst stated, "Officer Keller has been a very valuable member of the leadership team at Hinsdale Central. He cultivates positive relationships with students and staff and offers sound counsel in critical situations. Whether he is advising a student, coordinating an investigation with the Dean's Office, or helping to organize a building-wide response to a situation, Mark is thoughtful and collaborative."

The award is displayed in the lobby of the Hinsdale Police Department.