

## **OWEN J. ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Chief Kevin J. Smith**

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Kevin Smith is the Chief of Security and Safety for the Owen J. Roberts School District. He is also the Chief of Police of the Owen J. Roberts Police Department. Chief Smith began his law enforcement career in 1978 under the employ of the Berks County District Attorney's Office working narcotics investigations for the County of Berks. In 1980 he accepted a position with the Muhlenberg Township Police Department where he served as patrolman, criminal investigator, and detective retiring as senior detective in 2000. After seven years in the private sector he accepted the position of Director of Safe Schools for the Governor Mifflin School District where he established the Governor Mifflin School District Police Department. In 2014 Chief Smith accepted his current position with the Owen J. Roberts School District replacing retiring Chief Larry Mauger.

Chief Smith is a graduate of Shippensburg State University with a degree in criminal justice as well as the Allentown Police Academy, Allentown Pennsylvania and the National Interagency Counter Drug Institute in San Luis Obispo, California. In 1995 he became a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico Virginia. Chief Smith also served on the Board of Directors of the Berks County Treatment Access Services Center (T.A.S.C.) prior to his arrival at Owen J. Roberts.

Chief Smith has had the opportunity to work numerous multi-jurisdictional investigations with many agencies throughout his career. He has received letters of accommodation from the Pennsylvania State Police, Pennsylvania Attorneys General Office, City of Reading Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was an active member of the Berks County Chief of Police Association.

### **Officer Alisha Mathias**

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Officer Mathias has been in the law enforcement field since 1995. She has worked as a 911 operator, a Deputy Sheriff, a municipal police officer and has comfortably settled into her newest position as your School Police Officer. Assigned to the High School she has a variety of duties. As a police officer, she enforces local, state and federal laws on District property in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Police and local law enforcement agencies. She is an additional resource for students, staff and the community relative to a variety of issues. Officer Mathias has spoken in different classes at the High School, offering police experiences and general understanding of laws and procedures. With over nine years of experience as a municipal police officer, once a certified D.A.R.E. officer and Child Passenger Safety technician, she has had training in many different aspects of law enforcement.

One of her favorite aspects of police work is crime scene investigation. Although she does not currently get to utilize her skills at a crime scene, she definitely uses her investigative skills on a daily basis. Voted "Outstanding Police Officer" in 2005, she has received several Meritorious Certificates from the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). She often assists the security department with traffic direction, crowd control at large events, and monitoring of the security cameras within the District. She oversees and works with the attendance office at the High School as it relates to truancy, illegal, and excessive absences. A member of the High School Discipline Team, she works closely with the Assistant Principals relating to school discipline and enforcing school and District policies and procedures. As a member of the District and High School safety committees Officer Mathias aids in the coordination of lockdown and fire drills.