



Welcome Josh Fellows, District Lead Safety Manager

Balancing school safety with a positive school climate is critical for students to achieve their greatest potential. As we continue to enhance our safety and security measures here at Sparta Area Schools, we believe that having the right security personnel who can intervene early on and build strong relationships with students is critical. This is why we have partnered with SEC SHIELD to bring on a new **District Lead Safety Manager** this fall. For more than 10 years, SEC has worked with thousands of schools across the country to create safe learning environments.



We are proud to introduce our new **Lead District Safety Manager**, Josh Fellows.

Josh received his associate degree in criminal justice from Eastern Wyoming College and went on to become a patrol deputy sheriff and deputy sheriff lieutenant within the state of Wyoming until 2020. Josh then went on to the EMT Academy and has developed a strong ability to work through conflict resolution, report writing and leadership roles within the agency.

Josh has also completed the SEC SHIELD Advanced Certification™ program. This human-centered training program is specific to the school environment and includes:

- Training on school policy, procedures, and legislation pertinent to safety managers
- Non-violent crisis intervention training with advanced physical skills through Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI™)
- Critical incident management training
- Behavioral threat assessment™ training
- Mental health awareness
- Relationship building
- CPR, AED + First Aid
- Stop the Bleed training
- Soft skills needed to bring the highest level of safety in an approachable, non-intrusive way.

We are excited for you to meet Josh Fellows this fall and welcome him into the Sparta Area Schools community.