



## Agenda Memo

Crest Hill, IL

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**Meeting Date:** | Date 12-09-24

**Submitter:** | Submitter Police Chief Edward Clark

**Department:** | Police Department

**Agenda Item:** | Request to explore the development of a School Resource Officer Program

**Summary:** Mayor and Council,

The Crest Hill Police Department has gathered information regarding the development and implementation of a School Resource Officer Program. An SRO program is a very common position in most law enforcement agencies. We have had incidents in recent years in which we have had to lock down our schools because of violence near the schools, or the threat of violence involving the schools and students. Furthermore, social media often exacerbates conflict with students and can create a volatile situation. CHPD makes a considerable effort to patrol our schools, and we work very well with school administrators and staff. An SRO program would be a great opportunity to expand our ability to keep students safe. Our proposal is to have one officer share time between both schools. We have reached out to the superintendents of both Richland and Chaney Monge Schools, and they are interested in exploring this idea with their school board officials. We started with the idea of using a three-way split of the Officer's Salary and benefits. I have prepared a power point presentation that I will use to further explain this program. I look forward to discussing this topic with you all.

**Recommended Council Action:** Approval to move forward with exploring an SRO program

**Financial Impact:** Approximately \$50,000.00

**Funding Source:**

**Budgeted Amount:**

**Cost:** Approximately \$50,000.00

**Attachments:** Power point presentation