

Staff Report

Subject: Addition of Positions – School Resource Officers (SRO's)

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Meeting Date: September 20, 2022

Item Description: Approval of Addition of Positions – School Resource Officers (SRO's)

Summary Recommendation

The following change is being requested based on a review of safety and security by the Board of Education, Board of Commissioners and Effingham County Sheriff's Office after recent events in other school districts throughout the nation. This change will allow for a School Resource Officer (SRO) to be assigned to each school within our county.

Executive Summary

School Resource Officer (SRO) - The primary responsibility will be to provide prevention education, a positive role model for students, and to help make the schools a safer environment as a Deputy Sheriff assigned to an elementary, middle, or high school within the county.

Background

Staff is requesting the addition of 5 SRO's to the 2022/2023 Budget in Department #117-Effingham County Sheriff's Office.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the addition of the positions to the 2022/2023 Budget.
2. Do not authorize the positions and advise staff how they want to proceed.

Other Alternatives

None

Department Review: County Manager, ECSO, Finance, HR

FUNDING: These positions will be funded 75% by the Board of Education and 25% by the Board of Commissioners. Approval of these positions will require a Budget Amendment. The Director of Finance will present the Budget Amendment if the positions are authorized and approved.

RECOMMENDATION: Alternative #1

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Deputy Sheriff- School Resource Officer (SRO) Job Description