



## **CITY OF POQUOSON**

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**To:** City Council

**From:** City Manager

**Subject: An Ordinance Appropriating Funds to Support the Expansion of the Police Department School Resource Officer Program**

The City of Poquoson established its School Resource Officer (SRO) Program in 2018 with the approval of two Police Department positions to serve Poquoson High School and Poquoson Middle School respectively. In doing so the City utilized a mix of funding sources including a grant from the Virginian Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and local tax dollars.

Given the success of the SRO program in Poquoson and in light of recent nation-wide events staff is requesting Council support to expand the SRO program to include all four public school buildings by Fiscal Year 2024. The attached ordinance provides for the appropriation of General Fund Balance in the amount of \$150,000 into the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to add a locally funded, third SRO position. The requested funding includes all personnel costs associated with the position in addition to a vehicle and other required equipment. The third SRO position would support the Poquoson Elementary School and Poquoson Primary School beginning with the 2022-2023 School Year (Fiscal Year 2023).

In addition, the attached ordinance also authorizes the City Manager and Chief of Police to submit a DCJS grant application to support the fourth SRO position to support the goal of having an SRO position for each public school building no later than the 2023-2024 School Year (FY2024).

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF  
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poquoson established its School Resource Officer (SRO) program in 2018 with the approval of two Police Department positions to serve Poquoson High School and Poquoson Middle School respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poquoson is desirous of expanding its SRO program to also include Poquoson Primary School and Poquoson Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient undesignated General Fund Balance is available to begin the SRO program expansion in Fiscal Year 2023 through the appropriation of \$150,000 to support the on-going and one-time costs associated with the addition of an additional SRO position to support the elementary and primary schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poquoson supports the further expansion of the SRO program with the goal of having an SRO position assigned to each public school no later than Fiscal Year 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, By the Council of the City of Poquoson, Virginia:

**Section 1:** That additional revenues of \$150,000 in the General Fund be and the same hereby are appropriated within the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget as follows:

**GENERAL FUND**

**Revenue:**

Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$150,000</u>
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**Expenditure:**

Police	<u>\$150,000</u>
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**Section 2:** That the City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager and Chief of Police to make application to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services School Resources Officer grant program to support the addition of the fourth SRO position to support the goal of having an SRO position assigned to each public school no later than Fiscal Year 2024.

**Section 3:** That the second reading of this ordinance is hereby dispensed with and the provisions contained herein shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TESTE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk