

School Resource Officer (SRO)

Proposal

Currently all four of the Helena Schools have a SRO assigned to them, but the position at the Elementary School is not a dedicated resources. The purpose of this proposal is to request funding to have all of the schools have a dedicated SRO.

- Benefits -

- Ø Serve as a single point of contact for school administration
- Ø Eliminate the need of current officers having to work additional time to cover the elementary school
- Ø Students to be able to familiarize themselves with the officer
- Ø Mentor students on a daily basis
- Ø Partner with the Compact 2020 Officer to educate the students
- Ø Develop routines with administration
- Ø Determine trends with traffic coming into and around the school (both vehicular and non-vehicular)
- Ø Allow for the ability to have an additional officer "on duty"

- Proposal -

- Ø Amend current fiscal year budget using funds from the 1 Cent Fund for July, August and September to allow:
 - Ø Move one (1) existing officer to the new position of dedicated SRO for the Elementary School
 - Ø Police Department to hire one (1) new officer at a prorated cost of \$15,829.25
 - Ø Police Department to purchase one (1) vehicle with equipment at a cost of \$35,000.00
 - *Potential to purchase car from ADECA that would lower cost to roughly \$17,000.00*

- Current SRO -

- Ø High School – Officer Richards
- Ø Middle School – Officer Lowery
- Ø Intermediate School – Officer Murphy
- Ø Elementary – Rotating Officer

- Current Officer Count -

- Ø 23 Full Time Officers
- Ø 4 Part Time Officers

- Officer Cost (Prorated) -

Ø Salary	\$10,809.50
Ø Insurance	1,650.00
Ø Payroll Tax	1,513.25
Ø State Retirement	756.50
Ø Startup Uniform	500.00
Ø Uniform	600.00
TOTAL	\$15,829.25