

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut has brought school security to the forefront; and

WHEREAS, there are currently Two (2) School Resource Officers (SRO's) at each high school, One (1) SRO at each middle school, and elementary schools share a SRO; and

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department has proposed to add Eleven (11) new SRO's in order to supply each elementary school with a full time SRO; and additionally, Two (2) SRO's will be needed for the new Stewarts Creek High School for a total of Thirteen (13) SRO's; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for the additional Thirteen (13) SRO's and the necessary vehicles, equipment, and training is One Million Five Hundred Three Thousand and Sixteen Dollars (\$1,503,016.00), which could result in a Three (3) Cents increase to the property tax rate; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County has set the standard for the SRO Program across the State of Tennessee and recognizes the great benefit of the SRO Program for school personnel, school children, and the citizens of the county.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners endorses the concept of adding Eleven (11) new SRO's to supply a full time SRO for each elementary school; and an additional Two (2) SRO's for the new Stewarts Creek High School for a total of Thirteen (13) SRO's, along with the vehicles, equipment and training required with a full disclosure as to the total cost to be included in the 2013-14 budget process.

RESOLVED this 14th day of February, 2013.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TN

BY: _____
ERNEST G. BURGESS, Chairman

ATTEST:

LISA DUKE CROWELL, County Clerk