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Mount Laurel Township Dedicating Second Officer to Township Schools

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MOUNT LAUREL- Mount Laurel Mayor Richard Van Noord and Deputy Mayor Dennis Riley have announced the dedication of a second police officer for school security in Township schools.

“In light of recent events, the Township wanted to take action to improve security and assist the school district,” said Riley. “The Township approached the school district in February and a plan was devised to appoint a second resource officer.”

Starting April 23, 2018 in his new position as School Resource Officer (SRO) will be Officer David Sweely, who has been with the Mount Laurel Police Department nearly 19 years. Sweely has been trained in school security and was formerly an SRO in the Township. He will assist the current SRO, Officer Lester Hann, who has been with the department 10 years.

“The Township has a great working relationship with the School District,” said Van Noord, “and my children attend the public schools. I’m just as concerned as any other parent about school safety and offering resources to help the district was a high priority, even though we had already drafted our budget.”

The School Resource Officers work hand in hand with the school district to identify at-risk students and to address issues of school safety.

“We thank Officers Sweely and Hann for their service,” said Riley, “and we know they will work with the school district as part of the district’s overall security plan as part of a proactive approach to keeping our students safe.”

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