

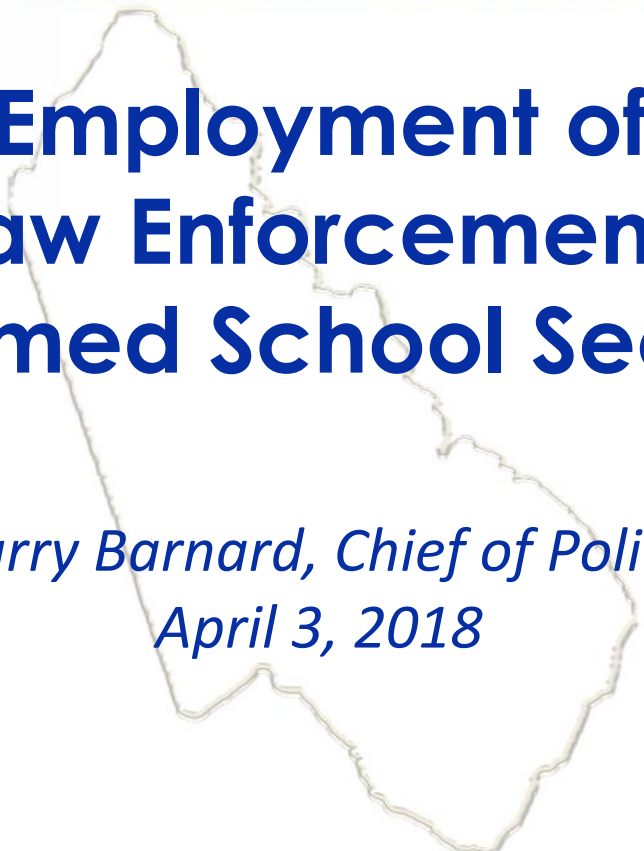


Prince William County Government
Board of County Supervisors



Employment of Retired Law Enforcement Officers as Armed School Security

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The Law – Virginia Code 22.1-280.2:1



§ 22.1-280.2:1. Employment of school security officers.

- Allows school systems to hire retired law enforcement officers to serve as armed security.
- Effective July 1, 2017.
- Requirements include:
 - ◆ Retirement must have occurred within 10 years.
 - ◆ Retired in good standing as a Virginia Law Enforcement Officer.
 - ◆ Specialized training in active shooter emergency response, emergency evacuation procedure, and threat assessment.
 - ◆ Has provided proof of completion of required training to VA DCJS
 - ◆ School Board Receives Input from Chief Law Enforcement Officer Regarding Qualifications
 - ◆ Local School Board grants individual authority to carry firearm in performance of duties
- 120 Sworn Officers have retired from PWCPD in last 10 years
- Virginia Retirement System



Recommendation



If this new initiative is implemented:

- Pilot program
- Begin with a limited number of staff
- 5 Security Officers and 1 Supervisor
- School employees
- Gain experience with program
- Conduct evaluation/assessment with all stakeholders
- Make recommendations and decisions going forward



Program Cost



- 5 Armed Community Safety Officers
- 1 Armed Community Safety Officer Coordinator
- First Year Cost - \$464,700
- Ongoing Cost - \$422,166

Recommend that program is funded at \$500,000 this year. This allows for flexibility in number of training days, further review of necessary equipment.





Questions?

