

# CPSD School Resource Officer program receives \$30K MCops grant



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The CPD SRO truck that was purchased last year was painted with school colors.

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For the second year in a row, the Clinton Police Department has received a MCops grant award. The \$30,000 grant will be used for the CPD School Resource Officer, or SRO, program.

“We’ve received this grant award again this year, and, as you know, this grant dictates that we spend the money on our school SRO program,” Police Chief Ford Hayman said.

This year, the grant funds will be used to purchase a Dodge Charger for the SRO program, and also for the department’s three SRO officers to attend the National Association of School Resource Officers Summer Conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, from June 23-28.

“Last year, we bought a truck and

marked it up in school colors and everything, and it looks real good,” Hayman said. “I have a plan for a Dodge Charger this year. We’re going to do something a little different, but I think everybody will love it; and it will definitely be a School Resource Officer vehicle. CPD will be taking a professional, yet, ‘fun’ approach to the design, color, and stripe package for this new SRO vehicle.”

Chief Hayman believes that the kids will love this car and guarantees that “you will know it when you see it.” The vehicle will ensure the marked patrol-based presence of a police car while promoting the Arrow Pride of the CPSD.

Since the purchase of the Dodge Charger is an outright purchase instead of a lease/purchase, CPD is ba-

sically getting a free car to use for the SRO program.

“We have two Dodge trucks still in that unit we’re looking to surplus; they both have 150,000-plus miles. I think this is a good allocation with this money, and it will also fund their travels to the national conference this year and get national certification for our officers,” Hayman said.

The National Association of School Resource Officers brings together school resource officers, law enforcement, school security/safe professionals, school board members, school administrators and others to receive training and networking opportunities.

Clinton’s SRO officers will have the opportunity to receive thirty hours of training; see the latest in products,

technology and innovations in the exhibit hall; complete the NASRO training course onsite; and network with SROs, sheriffs and chiefs of police from around the world.

SRO officer training opportunities at the conference include conflict resolution, prevention of school shooting, responding to mental health awareness, understanding and planning for school bombing incidents, and child sexual abuse prevention, recognition and reporting.

“The CPD SRO program partnership with the CPSD is vital to the safety of our children,” said Hayman, “and we are committed to the safety of our children. They are our greatest resource, and we must continually strive to provide them with a safe school environment.”