

# School resource officers graduate from training

Three, local School Resource Officers have graduated from training.

Governor Andy Beshear and the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT) announced today 29 law enforcement officers from agencies across the commonwealth assigned to specific school campuses graduated the sixth SRO III Training.

Local graduates include: Troy G. Young, Russell County Sheriff's Office, Clete P. McAninch, Russell Springs Police Department, and Jackie A. Grider, Russell County Sheriff's Office.

The graduating officers have completed the 120 hours of state mandated training over a three-year time-frame (SRO I, SRO II and SRO III), making them fully certified to work in Kentucky's school systems.

"Ensuring the safety and well-being of Kentucky's schools is a top priority of my administration," said Gov. Beshear. "I commend you on taking on this responsibility.

Thank you for all you do for your agency, school systems and the

commonwealth."

DOCJT's SRO training targets the specific needs of officers who are assigned to provide safety and security to the students and staff located inside a school.

The SRO courses were revamped after the School Safety and Resilience Act passed in 2019. That year, the training was updated and expanded to serve today's schoolchildren and administrators.

The three levels of training are now offered to active, certified law enforcement serving as school resource officers.

All SROs must complete the SRO I in-service course within one year of their start date.

SRO II and SRO III training courses are required to be completed the following two years as the annual in-service training.

SRO training includes topics such as working with special-needs students, mental health awareness and trauma-informed action. Firearms and tactics refresher training are also included.

"School resources officers are a vital part of law enforcement

agencies in today's world," said DOCJT Commissioner Nicolai Jilek. "I am proud of the efforts you have made to help make our schools a safe place for children to learn."

In April 2022, Gov. Beshear signed House Bill 63 into law, which introduces new SRO requirements for school districts.

The new law requires that each campus have an SRO by Aug. 1, 2022, if possible.

The law (KRS 158.4414(2)) further states that, "if sufficient funds and qualified personnel are not available for this purpose for every campus, the local board of education shall fulfill the requirements of this subsection on a per-campus basis, as approved in writing by the state school security marshal, until a certified school resource officer is assigned to and working on-site, full-time on each campus in the district."

The Office of the School Security Marshal is working closely with each school district to implement HB 63 and coordinate a plan to overcome any obstacles.

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RUSSELL CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO.: 21-CI-00284

BANK OF JAMESTOWN

PLAINTIFF

VS.

KAREN FRAZIER, et al.

DEFENDANTS

Cathy Johnson and the Unknown Defendants, who are the Unknown Heirs of Russell Smith, are warned to appear and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff: Bank of Jamestown, herein filed, not later than fifty days (50) days after the date of the Court's Order dated December 17, 2021.

Hon. Matthew B. DeHart, P.O. Box 1177, Jamestown, Kentucky, 42629, 270-343-6300, a regular practicing attorney of this Court, is appointed to correspond with the Defendants, and inform them by notification in the Times Journal, which is the paper of largest circulation in Russell County, Kentucky, concerning the pendency and nature of this action, and to file his report in the Clerk's office within fifty (50) days after the date of this Order. I have been appointed by the Court as the Warning Order Attorney in this action solely for the purpose of providing this notice to you. I do not represent any party to this action.

Cathy Johnson and any Unknown Defendants, the Unknown Heirs of Russell Smith, who wish to give notice of their intent to answer this lawsuit, should contact Mr. DeHart as soon as possible in order that he may notify the Court of their intention to defend this claim against them.

The purpose of this notice is to advise you of the existence of this claim which has been filed against you and to notify you that you have the right to file an answer to this civil action, to make an appearance in the action, and to defend yourself according to law.

Any answer you make in response to this complaint should be filed with the Clerk of the Russell Circuit Court whose address is Russell County Judicial Center, 202 Monument Square, Suite 106, Jamestown, Kentucky 42629. If no answer is filed with the Court within fifty (50) days after the date of the issuance of the Warning Order, which directed me to send you this notice, then the action against you may proceed accordingly. The Warning Order was issued on the 21st day of December, 2021, and the 50 day period began running at that date. The Court has the authority upon the issuance of a rule to shorten that time period. If you fail to respond to the Complaint by filing a written defense or response, then a judgment may be taken against you without further notice, and your right to appeal any decisions or judgments of the court may be lost.

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