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Jamestown Elementary School SRO Jamie Rogers, right, listened as Instructional Assistant Amy McQueary, left, spoke with students at the school. (Photo submitted.)

meetings last week, Rogers was recognized and praised.

“This is an absolute honor,” Russell County School Superintendent Michael A. Ford said last week.

Ford said Rogers, a nearly 24-year law enforcement veteran, was nominated “and is now the recipient” of the prestigious honor.

“I cannot think of

a friend, he’s a father, he’s all those figures rolled into one,” the superintendent said.

On behalf of the school board, Ford presented Rogers with a plague of recognition.

Russell County Director of School Safety Jackie Grider said Rogers is an excellent example of an SRO.

“Being a seasoned officer...and coming into

SRO.

He said Jamestown Elementary School (JES) conducted a lockdown practice.

“A lot of time, when we’re done with that... we will do a debriefing,” Grider said. “A conversation is going on... Mr. Rogers is gone...he broke loose from us.”

“There was a teacher coming down the hall with a student who was



SCHOOL BOARD HONORS ROGERS
SRO Rookie of the Year Jamie Rogers was honored by the Russell County School Board last week. In attendance was, from left, Russell County Director of School Safety Jackie Grider, Jamestown Police Chief Jeff Kerns, Jamie Rogers, Jamestown Mayor Regena Hinton, Jamestown Elementary School Principal Diane Blankenship, and Russell County School Superintendent Michael A. Ford.

anybody else more deserving,” the superintendent said. “It is amazing the number of people that comment on Mr. Rogers. You will see him actively walking around that school and checking doors. You’ll see him actively going down that hallway and checking doors.”

that position as SRO... he came into a brand new world,” Grider said. “He transitioned very well and very quickly. He fell right in.”

With 120 counties, and approximately 170 school districts in the state, competition for the coveted award was intense.

out of sorts a little bit,” Grider said.

The debriefing group saw Rogers with the student in the nearby cafeteria.

“He’s in there on his knees...he’s got him (the student) settled in there,” Grider said.

“I took a picture of



CITY COMMENDS SRO
Jamie Rogers, SRO Rookie of the Year Recipient, received special recognition last week from the Jamestown City Council. Shown are, from left JES Instructor Donnie Wilkerson, Russell County Judge Executive Randy Marcum, Jamestown Police Chief Jeff Kerns, Officer Rogers, Jamestown Mayor Regena Hinton, and JES Principal Diane Blankenship.

“But it’s bigger than that,” Ford said. “You will see Mr. Rogers kneeling next to a child as he talks to them. You’ll see him sitting next to a child on a bench. An SRO is a lot more than just a police officer, and Mr. Rogers represents that so well.”

“He’s a counselor, he’s

“He met that...he’s just that example,” Grider said.

Rogers’ nomination was also boosted by the local support from JES, the school board, and community.

Grider recalled an event exemplifying Rogers’ excellence as a

was approached by a student.”

“He looked up at me and said, ‘My daddy doesn’t like the police,’ ” he said. “I looked at him and said, ‘That’s OK, some people don’t like the police.’ ”

Rogers told the student, “ ‘Tell you what, I’m going to be here, and you get to know me, and you decide if you like me or not. ‘Whether you do or not, I’ll still be your friend.’ ”

“The little guy talks to me every day,” Rogers said.

The SRO acknowledged JES Principal Diane Blankenship “put me in a good position to succeed.”

He credits a collaborative and cooperative among all keeps things running smoothly, and feels there are no strangers.

“It’s hard to have positive relationships if you don’t know somebody’s name,” Rogers said. “I can’t say I know everyone, but at one point or another...out of 490 kids, I probably know 470.”

He feels it is important to know and speak with as many students, parents, guardians, teachers, and staff as possible.

Thursday, at the regular, monthly meeting of the Jamestown City Council, Mayor Regena Hinton informed the council Rogers “won a pretty big award.”

Blankenship and JES Educator Donnie Wilkerson attended the council meeting to praise Rogers.

“It’s my thought all SROs should be just like he is,” Blankenship said. “The thing I am so pleased with and so proud of is he has made being a police officer a good thing again for our children.”

Blankenship said some children have been taught to be “afraid” of the police, or they are not the “good guys.”

“And that’s a sad thing,” she said. “If there are heroes in there world, they (police officers) are it.”

“I think good work should be recognized,” the principal said, and is glad Rogers was

chosen as SRO of the Year.

Wilkerson echoed Blankenship’s thoughts, and explained the SRO’s importance to the school.

“I see it every day-kids relate to Jamie, they love him dearly,” he told the council. “He doesn’t care to do anything that needs to be done. He’s the epitome of how law enforcement should work.”

Jamestown Police Chief Jeff Kerns attended both meetings last week in support of Rogers, and Russell County Judge Executive Randy Marcum was on hand at the council meeting-where Rogers received an additional award of recognition from the city.

Superintendent Ford said the award brings prominence to the county, and is proof of the importance of cooperative efforts.

“This embodies what different entities working together can do for kids,” he said.

Rogers will be recognized next month at a state conference.

PUBLIC NOTICE			
ORDINANCE 2303 relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations. Be it ordained by the Russell County Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2024 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purpose indicated.			
General Fund			
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,400,019.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY		132,614.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION		528,490.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES		76,631.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE		77,260.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE		34,247.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		1,748,959.00
Total General Fund			3,998,220.00
Road Fund			
6100	ROADS		1,187,505.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS		60,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		455,428.00
Total Road Fund			1,702,933.00
Jail Fund			
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY		1,674,403.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE		353,800.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		743,670.00
Total Jail Fund			2,771,873.00
LGEA Fund			
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		21,800.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		4,000.00
Total LGEA Fund			25,800.00
ASAP Fund			
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES		22,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		144,000.00
Total ASAP Fund			166,000.00
Grants Fund			
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		33,100.00
Total Grants Fund			33,100.00
Emergency Shelter Fund			
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES		5,500.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		2,006.00
Total Emergency Shelter Fund			7,506.00
ARPA Fund			
9000	ADMINISTRATION		1,965,881.00
Total ARPA Fund			1,965,881.00
Tourism Fund			
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE		175,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		40,000.00
Total Tourism Fund			215,000.00
Dispatch Fund			
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY		406,048.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		186,442.00
Total Dispatch Fund			592,490.00
Airport Fund			
6200	AIRPORTS		86,034.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		244,416.00
Total Airport Fund			330,450.00
Airport Project Fund			
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS		86,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		111,053.00
Total Airport Project Fund			197,053.00
Airport Board Fund			
6200	AIRPORTS		66,500.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		63,160.00
Total Airport Board Fund			129,660.00
Airport Terminal Project Fund			
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS		1,383.00
Total Airport Terminal Project Fund			1,383.00
ABC Fund			
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		87,531.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION		51,539.00
Total ABC Fund			139,070.00
LATCF Fund			
9000	ADMINISTRATION		305,740.00
Total LATCF Fund			305,740.00
Opioid Settlement Account Fund			
9000	ADMINISTRATION		299,921.00
Total Opioid Settlement Account Fund			299,921.00
Clerk Storage Fees Fund			
9000	ADMINISTRATION		46,595.00
Total Clerk Storage Fees Fund			46,595.00
Adopted by the Russell County Fiscal Court this the 08 day of May, 2023.			
County Judge/Executive			
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY			
All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.			