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## Agenda

### **New Castle Town Council School Resource Officer Work Session Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 6:00 PM**

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a. Discussion: School Resource Officer



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## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Council Workshop – School Resource Officer Discussion  
**From:** David Reynolds  
**Date:** 08/30/22

The purpose of this Council Workshop is to discuss the possible addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO) along with a November 2022 ballot issue which would seek voter support for a sales tax increase to support the SRO position.

The primary objectives of this workshop are the following:

- Review the proposed duties of an SRO along with objectives of an SRO program in New Castle
- Review the results of a recent town wide survey regarding a ballot initiative to support an SRO Program
  - Seniors are likely to vote yes
  - Younger voters (parents of younger kids) are likely to oppose the issue
  - Residents appear to be concerned about school safety, but the survey shows some opposition to police in schools
- Review the limits that are imposed on the town and school district related to campaigning for a tax-based ballot issue
- Review the suggested path forward if this issue is to become a successful ballot initiative
  - Need for an organized parent group to actively campaign for this issue
  - Define the timelines and specific objectives
  - Ballot language to be released to Garfield County by Sept. 9, 2022
- Based on the above, review and determine the best path forward for a New Castle SRO program
  - Do we have the support needed to proceed with a 2022 ballot initiative
  - Do we have parent support within the RE-2 School District
  - Are there alternative funding methods, should a ballot initiative be postponed

The Town of New Castle would like to thank members of the school board, school staff, and the PTAC for their joint work in the research and support of this project.