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Mount Dora Police Introduce New School Resources Officers for 2018-2019

MOUNT DORA, Fla. (August 10, 2018) – The Mount Dora Police Department will be providing School Resource Officers in five (5) schools starting the 2018-2019 school year.

For the past 4 years, Mount Dora Police has provided SROs to Mount Dora Middle and Mount Dora High Schools. This coming school year, there will be three new School Resource Officers added in Triangle Elementary, Sorrento Elementary and Round Lake Charter Schools.

After the Parkland School Shooting in February 2018, there was a call to action for more protection in area schools. Police Chief John O’Grady stepped up to the plate not only to help ensure the safety of elementary school-aged children in Mount Dora, but to help with schools in Sorrento, located in Lake County.

“We have an excellent relationship with the Lake County Sheriff’s office and the Lake County School Board. Our City Manager and City Council have a priority of Public Safety. When we were asked to help with placing SROs in schools just outside the city limits, it was basically all hands on deck. With the support of our Council and City Manager, who also subscribe to the philosophy of community oriented policing, it was an easy decision,” said Police Chief John O’Grady.

Mount Dora Police have six dedicated School Resource Officers that are certified and trained to react to crisis situations. The Officers are also committed to the ideology of Community Oriented Policing and getting involved with the kids on a daily basis. Programs like G.R.E.A.T. and the Omega Scholarship Programs will continue throughout the year to help students who may be struggling at home and in school.



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There will be media availability with the new School Resources Officers at Sorrento Elementary School on Wednesday August 15, 2018 at 3:45 p.m. Interviews will be provided by Officers Michael Garcia and Christa Kemeny and Cpl. Jessica Howell. The School Resource Officers will be with their respective patrol vehicles that are purposely decaled to match the logo of the schools they represent.

Any media interested in attending are asked to contact Public Information Officer Lisa McDonald at mcdonaldl@cityofmoundora.com or text/call 352-459-3065.

What: School Resource Officer Availability

When: Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Where: Sorrento Elementary School, 24605 Wallick Road, Sorrento (Please keep in mind there is heavy construction on SR 46 so give yourself more time to plan on being there)

Time: 3:45 p.m.

Please see the attached picture of our School Resource Officers for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Top Row: Left to Right

Officer St. Francis Smith

Officer Conner Deering

Officer Ethan Green

Mount Dora High School

Round Lake Charter School

Mount Dora Middle School

Bottom Row: Left to Right

Officer Christa Kemeny

Officer Mike Garcia

Officer Jeremy Alexander

Sorrento Elementary School

GREAT program/ floater

Triangle Elementary School



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