



The Commission for the Buffalo/Mechanicsburg Police Department has initiated a plan during this school year to place a police officer in the school at various times during the week . The goals for this initiative are to make the police more available to the school, to enhance interaction of the students with the police officers and to proactively work with the school and officials on school and juvenile issues.

So far, this semester the results are that a police officer has been in the schools for varying periods of time two to three days per week. Their role, while there is to interact with the students, school personnel and to provide clarity of the police role. They are not assigned as the resource officer for the school and are not employed by the school district. The officers have been well accepted by the students and personnel. Reports from the police department are that these actions have reduced the number of times they have been called to resolve issues arising from student disruptions at the school and in the community.

One of the issues that has arisen with this placement of police officers in the school is the inability of police radios to be used within the school. This is due to the type of construction used for the schools that blocks radio signals. Thus, we need to install a Radio trunking system at the school to enable contact with the officers while they are in the school. The cost is approximately \$6500.

This is an appeal to the community to help purchase and place this device at the school so we can continue to provide safety while the police are in the schools. If you can donate funds for this purchase , please send your contribution to Bethany Meaker, Treasurer for the Police Commission, Box 109, Buffalo, IL 62515.