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Hunterdon Sheriff Assigns Sheriff's Officer To County Polytech Facility For Security

Hunterdon County Sheriff Fred W. Brown and the Superintendent of the County Vocational School (Polytech) have jointly announced that to protect the safety of students, faculty and staff, a Sheriff's Officer will be assigned to the Vocational School's building on Bartles Corner Road in Raritan Township, through the end of the school year.

Sheriff Brown said, "Sheriff's Officers, who are highly trained and qualified to be an armed, provide safety and security in many county buildings, the Polytech building warrants the same services.

Right now, those in school buildings need to have an assurance that there is a qualified law enforcement officer protecting their safety. Assigning a Sheriff's Officer to the Polytech facility will provide a level of protection, is the right thing to do, and has the support of the Board of Commissioners.

Superintendent Todd Bonsall stated, "Many Hunterdon County schools have municipal Police Officers assigned as School Resource Officers (SRO) providing on site assistance to students and school staff, as well as being an armed presence.

We are most appreciative of Sheriff Brown allocating an Officer to provide for school safety at the Polytech classrooms and offices at the Bartles Corner building."

Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Director John E. Lanza said, "Having an Officer as a highly visible presence serves as a deterrence to trespassers and those with bad intent and should provide better peace of mind to students and parents alike.

I applaud Sheriff Brown for his willingness to assist in providing security for students and staff in the County school building and Superintendent Bonsall for his cooperation."