

Response to Questions on the FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisor McKay

Question: What overlap is there between school and County security?

Response: Fairfax County Public Schools have provided the following information:

Fairfax County does not provide school security officers. The SRO's are law enforcement personnel assigned to a specific school. Their role is to provide police service, law enforcement and support for the school, during school hours, not to enforce school regulations. They also do not provide the routine security duties that school security personnel perform.

Fairfax County police officers do respond to intrusion alarms when they are requested by OSS security staff. Over the past seven years, these requests have been greatly reduced, much to the delight of the police department. In fact, FCPS has received recognition from the police department for its reduction in alarm response requests. Due to these significant reductions, the police department continues their policy of not instituting alarm response fees that are normally charged businesses for alarm responses.