



Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
September 16, 2021	A-1
Title	
Recognition of Cherokee County School District Police Department for Earning State Certified Agency Renewal	
Requested Action	
School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District Police Department for Earning State Certified Agency Renewal	
Summary Explanation and Background	
<p>The Cherokee County School District Police Department has earned State recognition!</p> <p>The Department was notified this month that its status as a Certified Agency, first achieved in 2006, has been renewed by the Joint Review Committee of the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program.</p> <p>This is the highest level of State accreditation that local law enforcement agencies can earn, and it is rare for school police departments to complete the required rigorous review. CCSD's Department, which is led by Chief Buster Cushing, is one of only five school police departments in the State to hold this certification.</p> <p>The Certification Program provides a comprehensive blueprint for effective and professional law enforcement, and recertification is required every three years to maintain this accreditation. As part of the recertification process, trained State assessors conduct a two-day comprehensive on-site assessment, which was held in April for the CCSD Police Department. The Department's policies and performance and supporting documents were closely reviewed to verify that all applicable standards have been implemented and sustained.</p>	
Priority Area	
Organizational & Operational Effectiveness; Quality Workforce	
Financial Impact	
N/A	
Exhibits: (List)	
List of CCSD's School Police Department Employees	
Source of Additional Information	
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CCSD School Police Department

Chief Buster Cushing

Capt. Ken Locke

Lt. Richie Rich

Sgt. German Rivas

Sgt. Scott Ryder

Cpl. Beth Buffkin

Cpl. Joe Cordero

Ofc. Brian Stevenson

Inv. Beth Endicott

Cpl. Katrina Adams

Inv. Beth Jeffreys

Inv. Andy Farmer

Ofc. Jeremy Akins

Ofc. Mike Hunt

Ofc. Brad DeWoody

Ofc. Mike Dames

Ofc. Keith McGaw

Ofc. Chris Taylor

Ofc. Ryan Bleisath

Ofc. Will Pauley

Cpl. Chris Mendel

Danielle Ross, Emergency Operations Facilitator

Mary Hansen, Administrative Assistant to the Chief

Bob Williams, Emergency Communications Facilitator

Neil Stein, TAC