

New Resource Officer Funded, Named in Avery

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On the January 13th meeting of the Avery County Board of Commissioners, funding was allotted to fund a second School Resource Officer for Avery County. Sheriff Frye said, “ We have been anticipating a grant from the many different sources we tried, and finally one came through,” and “I sincerely applaud the Board of Commissioners for funding this and putting school safety as a priority”. Sheriff Frye said he named Deputy Bob Johnson to take the position with his base of operations Cranberry Middle School and Freedom Trail Elementary School with additional duties at Riverside Elementary. Deputy Johnson has been in law enforcement for over 22 years and served at a part time School Resource Officer for 4 years. Johnson also resides in the Tucker Hollow Community which is within the school districts he will be primarily serving. Sheriff Frye said he believes this additional deputy will provide much needed additional safety and security for our children, teachers and public.