



SCHOOL SECURITY FTEs

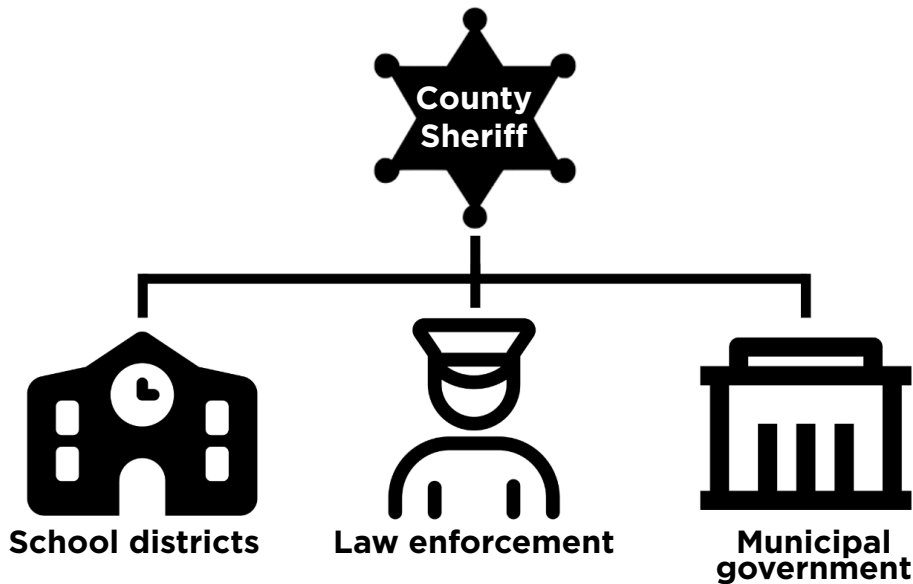
2024 Legislative Proposal

County Sheriffs are well-positioned to coordinate efforts between cities, school districts, and the state to improve school security. Coordination required by legislation will increase personnel costs for counties, and funding should be included with state requirements.

WHO is responsible for school security?

A: In Utah, school security has been left to school districts. Many fund resource officers, mostly sourced through local law enforcement agencies. The few standards that exist statewide are not enforced, and coordination between districts, municipalities, and counties is not formalized.

Legislation has proposed a requirement for County Sheriff offices to coordinate between school districts, municipalities, and counties, as well as ensure emergency response preparedness, training, and more. County Sheriffs are well-positioned to address this issue, but doing so will require additional FTEs. Some counties have had little to no financial involvement in school security prior to this legislation, and an FTE is a new cost.



PROPOSAL

- Include state funding for additional County Sheriff FTEs with any legislation requiring the County Sherriff to coordinate school security, or create a mechanism by which school districts contribute to coordination costs.

