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Dr. Bill Long Honored with National School Safety Award

GREENWOOD, IN (May 18, 2022) – The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) will present the Nick Derzis Safe School Leadership Award for contributions and dedication to an SRO program to Center Grove Community School Corporation Assistant Superintendent Dr. William Long. Dr. Long worked to establish the Center Grove School Police Department in 2008. He was also instrumental in establishing the Center Grove Emergency Operations Center, a collaborative effort between multiple agencies to create a central response location to provide quicker, life-saving services to the community.

“I am humbled and honored to receive the Chief Nicholas Derzis Safe School Leadership Award from NASRO,” said Dr. Long. “As a corporation, we have focused on creating a safe and secure learning environment for everyone, and the superintendent and school board have given us the resources to put our plan into action. School safety has been a top priority for me and to be recognized for what we have accomplished is quite the honor.”

“Dr. Long is a shining example of safe school leadership. His advocacy for SROs who are carefully selected, specifically trained, and properly equipped is an asset not only to his school police department, but to his community as a whole,” NASRO Executive Director Mo Canady said.

NASRO will present this award on July 4, 2022, at its 2022 National School Safety Conference in Aurora, Colorado.

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Photo attachment: Dr. Bill Long