Town of Carrboro



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TITLE:

Appointment of Chief Chris Atack to the Orange County Schools Safety Task Force **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Town Council appoint Chief Chris Atack to serve on the Orange County School Safety Task Force.

DEPARTMENT: Manager's Office/Police Department

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INFORMATION: On November 15, 2022, the Orange County Board of Commissioners approved the creation of a Schools Safety Task Force that will begin meeting in January 2023. The purpose of this task force is to discuss ways in which Orange County government, schools, law enforcement, and the community can enhance the safety of the school environment to protect from external threats and promote the education of Orange County K-12 public school students.

Additionally, the task force will recommend to the Orange Board of County Commissioners new or amended policies, ordinances, and/or practices that will address those external threats and provide a safer school environment for the students. The task force is composed of 18 members to include residents of the Chapel-Hill Carrboro City School district, the Orange County school district, students from each school district, BOC representatives, superintendents of each school district, the Sheriff, and the police chiefs of each town in Orange County. Each town will appoint their police chief or designee to serve on the task force.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: The police chief or designee will be required to attend the task force meetings; at this time the Orange County Board of Commissioners is recommending at least six meetings between January and June 2023. There is no fiscal impact to the Town to make the appointment.

RECOMMENDATION: The Town Manager recommends that the Town Council appoint Police Chief Chris Atack to serve as Carrboro's Police Chief or Designee to the School Safety Task Force.