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**Guam Education Board (GEB)**

**Approves School Resource Officer (SRO) -Attendance Title Change To  
School Attendance Officer II**

*Tiyan, Guam* - The Guam Education Board's recent decision to update the titles of the School Resource Officer (Attendance) and School Resource Officer Supervisor to School Attendance Officer II and School Attendance Officer Supervisor was in response to the department's request to address confusion in the community regarding their function to address student truancy. This action, effective immediately, underscores the GEB's commitment to clarifying employee roles and responsibilities.

The title prior to SRO was School Attendance Officer and Attendance Officer Supervisor but was changed in July 31, 2018 when the department reviewed the job descriptions created in 1980/82 respectively and determined the need to update based on PL 30-167 (signed into law in 2010 that identified them as Special Deputy Marshals with the Superior Court of Guam) and PL 32-232 (signed into law in 2014 that identified Special Deputy Marshals as Category 2 officers under the Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) Commission). Although well intended, the department realized that the use of SRO in the title created confusion where the community believed that their function was expanded to include duties of Category 1 law enforcement (e.g., Guam Police Department, Probation Officers, etc..). The department is hopeful that the change will eliminate any further ambiguity.

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