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# Sen. Mayer Named to Senate Interim Committee on Funding for Sheriff Offices

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JEFFERSON CITY –Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, has been named to the Senate Interim Committee on Funding for County Sheriff Offices. He joins chairman Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington; Sens. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau; Wes Shoemyer, D-Clarence; and Ryan McKenna, D-Crystal City, on the panel.

“The role our county sheriffs and their deputies play in law enforcement, especially in rural Missouri, is critical,” said Sen. Mayer. “We need to make sure they have the money to buy the equipment they need and to hire and keep the professionals they deserve.”

The committee will review current court costs, fees, and other funding mechanisms relating to the operation of law enforcement or civil justice-related activities of county sheriff departments, studies the current compensation formula for deputy sheriffs in Missouri counties, and compares compensation of deputy sheriffs across different county classifications in Missouri and neighboring states.

“I’m proud to join my colleagues from both sides of the political aisle, because as we all know, law enforcement and public safety is truly a bi-partisan issue,” said Mayer. “I look forward to our work together.”

The panel consists of three Senate members of the majority party and two from the minority party. They will meet at times and places to be determined by Sen. Griesheimer. The committee will issue a report of its findings for any legislative action to the General Assembly no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

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*Senator Robert Mayer represents the people of Wayne, Ripley, Butler, Stoddard, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Dunklin counties in the Missouri Senate.*