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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

KEY RESULT AREA

Public Safety

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council authorize the Police Department to enter into an Agreement with the Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) to provide School Resource Officer services to this educational entity.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fresno Unified School District, in an effort to provide a safer learning environment for students attending high school, has agreed to assist with the cost of providing eight (8) School Resource Officers (SROs), and one Sergeant to the high schools in the district. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. Fresno Unified will pay the sum of \$652,788 for the eight officers assigned as SROs, and one Sergeant's position during this time period. This amount represents 100 percent of the actual cost for the Sergeant and one officer position for 12 months, and 60 percent of the actual cost of the seven officers for 12 months. Also included is the agreement is 33 percent of the operation and maintenance costs for two patrol vehicles. This contract is a renewal of a previously existing agreement.

KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

This contract provides for improved financial management by reducing the burden on the General Fund for providing police services to FUSD. Customer satisfaction is improved as FUSD receives the services requested to assist in maintaining safe learning environments on their respective high school campuses. Employee satisfaction improves as police calls for services generated on campus are handled by SROs, providing more proactive time for patrol officers.

BACKGROUND

The primary mission of the Fresno Police Department School Resource Officer is to improve the quality of life for students, parents, school employees, and related community members directly affected by the program. Specific desired outcomes of the program include:

- Reduction of criminal activity and fear on campus, and foster a positive relationship with the school community.
- Handle calls for service at designated campuses.
- Identify school-related enforcement problems and develop solutions in a problem-solving manner.
- Provide a coordinated team effort between the Fresno Police Department and Fresno County Probation.
- A general improvement in the relationship between the parties listed herein.

The SRO Sergeant will supervise the SROs and act as a liaison between FUSD and the Fresno Police Department.

This agreement between agencies will lead to the enhancement of collaborative problem solving, a reduced impact on the General Fund, and bolster the quality of life for the students, parents, and staff of the respective schools.

FISCAL IMPACT

FUSD will fund 100 percent of the cost of one sergeant and one officer, resulting in no fiscal impact to the Police Department. FUSD will also pay 60 percent of the cost of seven (7) officers for 12 months, therefore, approximately \$283,687 from the Police Department general fund budget will be used to cover the remaining cost of the School Resource Officers assigned to the Fresno Unified School District. This amount represents 40 per cent of the actual cost of the seven officers for 12 months. This amount is included in the Police Department's FY 09 budget.