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SUBJECT: FALL 2015 STUDENT CONTACT ANALYSIS (SCA)

This will be the first Student Contact Analysis (SCA) report prepared by the Fresno Police Department. It will encompass an analysis of documented student contacts on the 18 campuses where the Fresno Police Department staffs Student Resource Officers (SRO's). These campuses include High Schools, Middle Schools and Elementary Schools in the Fresno Unified School District (FUSD), Central Unified School District (CUSD) and Fresno County Office of Education (FCOE) district. This analysis will cover the Fall 2015 Semester (September-December) reporting period. Subsequent SCA reports will be published quarterly.

SRO'S are currently assigned to the Edison, Fresno, McLane, Roosevelt, Sunnyside, Hoover, Bullard, Cambridge, Dewolf and Central East High Schools. In addition, SRO's are assigned to Fort Miller, Phoenix, Glacier Point, El Capitan, and Rio Vista Middle Schools. The Manchester Gate Elementary School has one SRO assigned to it and the Kermit Koontz and Violet Hines Education Academy Schools have an SRO assigned to their campuses.

The SCA data contained in this analysis is generated by reporting mechanisms required of SRO's and maintained by the Sergeant assigned to the SRO Unit. Citation and arrest data is also maintained automatically in the Department's Report Writer Systems under each officer's identification.

The demographic breakdown of the City of Fresno used for Demographic Data Analysis is as follows;

- Hispanic 46.9%;
- White 30.0%;
- Black 7.7%;
- Asian 12.3%; and
- Other 3.1%.

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As provided at the beginning of the school year, the total student population is 23,605 school age youth in all campuses where SRO's are assigned. Demographic information and student populations were provided by each school site and represent a point in time analysis for September 1, 2015.

The demographic breakdown of the schools where SRO's are assigned is as follows;

- Hispanic 61.5%;
- White 12.9%;
- Black 10.4%;
- Asian 13.0%; and
- Other 1.76%.

A review of SCA for the Fall Semester (September-December 2015) established that there were a total of 294 reported crimes. Of the reported crimes, 14 were felonies and 280 misdemeanors reported for 23,605 students on the 18 campuses where SRO's are assigned. This represents 1.2% of the student population (294 of 23,605 students) were involved in reported criminal activity during this period of analysis.

A trend analysis of this data shows that 205 crimes were reported to SRO's in September and October while only 89 reported crimes occurred in November and December. This constitutes an 56% reduction in reported crime toward the end of the semester.

Although 23,605 students attend school each day, there are 68 school days, on average, during this analysis period. By multiplying the student population by the number of school days during the semester, there are more than 1,605,140 total students in which 294 reported criminal incidents occurred. Stated another way, one criminal incident was reported to an SRO for every 5,459.65 student days.

Of those 294 reported crimes, 18 juveniles were booked into the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Center. Additionally, 73 students involved in low level, non-violent criminal behavior were reprimanded and released to parents and 112 of the students involved in reported crime during this semester were brought into Youth Court. Youth Court is a restorative justice program that works to bring victims of crime and juvenile offenders together to reconcile and provide structured behavior modification for youthful offenders.

185 of the 294 or 62.9% of students that were involved in reported crime during this analysis period (September-December) on campuses where SRO's are assigned were diverted from the Juvenile Justice System through Reprimand and Release or Youth Court.

The demographic data of youth committing reported crimes during this analysis period is as follows:

- Hispanic 62.5%;
- White 6.8%;
- Black 26.8%;

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- Asian 2.7%; and
- Other 1.2%.

Of the 294 reported crimes that occurred for this analysis period on school campuses where SRO's are assigned, the following crimes were most often reported:

- 138 violations of Penal Code 415, disturbing the peace (46.9% of all reported crimes);
- 62 violations of Health & Safety Code 11357, possession of marijuana (21% of all reported crimes);
- 49 violations of Penal Code 242/243, assault & battery (16.6% of all reported crimes);
- 15 violations of Penal Code 484, Theft (5.1% of all reported crimes);
- 7 violations of Penal Code 626.10, bringing a weapon onto campus (2.4% of all reported crimes).

A trend analysis of this data shows that 111 Penal Code 415 disturbing the peace crimes were reported to SRO's in September and October as compared to 27 being reported between November and December. This constitutes a 75.7% reduction in reported 415's toward the end of the semester. Possession of marijuana violations increased from 27 reported cases in September to October to 35 cases in November and December.

The data reflected in the current SCA report will be reviewed to determine what modifications, if any, should be made to the Student Resource Officer program to enhance its effectiveness.