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SUBJECT: WINTER 2017 STUDENT CONTACT ANALYSIS (SCA)

The Student and Neighborhood Resource Officer (SNRO) unit is a recently-formed unit within the Fresno Police Department that places officers in 14 of Fresno Unified School District's middle schools. The unit is supported by a three-year federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant and a partnership between the Fresno Police Department and the Fresno Unified School District. The unit was fully-staffed for the 2016-2017 school year with one sergeant and 14 officers assigned to Ahwahnee, Baird, Computech, Cooper Academy, Gaston, Kings Canyon, Scandinavian, Sequoia, Tehipite, Tenaya, Terronez, Tioga, Wawona, and Tehipite Middle Schools.

SNROs work to ensure the safety of the students and school personnel on their campuses. They investigate incidents that occur at the schools, assist with mediation to prevent criminal violations, and mentor the students. They also work in the neighborhoods around the middle schools and elementary schools that feed into their assigned middle schools. They address crime in the neighborhoods and quality of life issues that put our school-aged youth at risk. SNROs actively participate in school events and community events in the neighborhoods.

SNROs have the discretion to use restorative practice techniques in lieu of arrests for low-level criminal offenses. These techniques involve school staff to help get to the root of problems that occur with students. Officers will still make arrests when students commit a felony offense or when restorative practice and intervention efforts are not effective.

Student Contact Analysis (SCA) reports are published quarterly. This SCA report covers the winter quarter (January through March) of 2017. The SCA data contained in this analysis is generated by reporting mechanisms required of SNROs and maintained by the sergeant assigned to the SNRO Unit. Citation and arrest data is also maintained automatically in the

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Department's Report Writer Systems under each officer's identification. The SCA reports contain information from officers' contacts with students related to criminal offenses, whether the students was arrested, cited, or reprimanded and released. Officers are involved in dozens of mediations each month to prevent criminal activity, such as fights and crimes related to bullying, which are not tracked in the SCA reports.

The demographic breakdown of the City of Fresno used for Demographic Data Analysis, as reported in the US Census Bureau's most recent published information, is as follows:

- Hispanic 46.9%,
- American Indian / Alaskan Native 1.7%,
- Asian 12.6%,
- Black / African American 8.3%,
- Hawaiian / Pacific Islander 0.2%, and
- White 30.0%.

As provided at the beginning of the school year, the total student population in Fresno Unified School District's middle schools at all campuses where SNROs are assigned is 9,875. Demographic information and student populations were provided by each school site and represent a point in time analysis for January 2017.

The demographic breakdown of the schools where SNROs are assigned is as follows:

- Hispanic 68.1%,
- American Indian / Alaskan Native 0.5%,
- Asian 10.2%,
- Black / African American 8.3%,
- Hawaiian / Pacific Islander 0.4%,
- White 10.5%, and
- Multiple 2.1%.

A review of the SCA for the winter statistics (January through March 2017) established that there were a total of 162 reported crimes. Of the reported crimes, five were felonies, 141 were misdemeanors, and 16 were infractions reported for 9,875 students on the 14 campuses where SNROs are assigned. This represents 1.64% of the student population (162 of 9,875 students) were involved in reported criminal activity during this period of analysis.

Of the 162 reported crimes, six juveniles were booked into the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Campus. Additionally, 106 students who were contacted by SNROs for being involved in low-level, non-violent criminal behavior were either reprimanded or released or were involved in restorative practices or peer mediation practices involving school staff. Three students were referred to Youth Court. This equates to 65.43% of all crime-related contacts made by SNROs during this reporting period being diverted from the Juvenile Justice System through alternative resolutions and effective use of restorative practice techniques.

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Restorative practices are an effective alternative to a punitive response, such as arrest or suspension, to wrongdoing. Restorative practices offer a more sustainable, equitable, and respectful alternative to dealing with minor violations of the law and misbehavior on campus. These practices bring together the person(s) harmed with the person(s) responsible in a safe and respectful space. These practices are monitored closely by school staff and sometimes the SNRO. The goal is to promote dialogue, accountability, and a positive resolution to wrongdoing on campus.

Youth Court is a diversion program for students who commit low-level, misdemeanor offenses. Youth Court functions as a sentencing body with a Judge from the Fresno County Superior Court and a jury of trained students. Student offenders who successfully complete their Youth Court sentences, which can include community service, essays, programs, workshops, and occasionally mediation and restitution to the victim, avoid detention within the Juvenile Justice System, and the judge immediately seals their record for that offense. The program has worked effectively in FUSD high schools for many years. The SNRO Unit is working to expand the program to all of FUSD's middle schools by the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. We have implemented a pilot program at four middle schools for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. SNROs referred four students to Youth Court during this rating period.

The demographic data of the 162 youth committing reported crimes during this analysis period is as follows:

- Hispanic 69.75%,
- Black 17.90%,
- White 9.88%, and
- Asian 2.47%.

The demographic data of the 106 youth who were reprimanded and released or involved in restorative practices, including peer mediation and Youth Court, is as follows:

- Hispanic 67.92%,
- Black 16.98%,
- White 11.32%, and
- Asian 3.77%.

Of the 162 reported crimes that occurred for this analysis period on school campuses where SNROs are assigned, the following crimes were reported most often:

- 59 violations of Penal Code 415 – fighting (36.42% of all reported crimes),
- 19 violations of Penal Code 484 – theft (11.73% of all reported crimes),
- 13 violations of Penal Code 242 – battery (9.88% of all reported crimes), and
- 11 violations of Penal Code section 243.2 – battery on school grounds (6.79% of all reported crimes).

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The data reflected in the current SCA report will be reviewed and then compared to the next SCA report to determine what modifications, if any, should be made to the Student and Neighborhood Resource Officer Unit to enhance its effectiveness.