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SUBJECT: 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR, STUDENT CONTACT ANALYSIS (SCA)

This Student Contact Analysis (SCA) report provides an analysis of documented student contacts at the 34 campuses where the Fresno Police Department staff's Student Resource Officers (SROs). These campuses include high schools, continuation schools, and middle schools in the Fresno Unified School District (FUSD), Central Unified School District (CUSD), Sanger Unified School District (SUSD), and Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS).

SROs are assigned to Bullard, Central East, DeWolf, Duncan Polytechnical, Edison, Fresno, Hoover, Justin Garza, McLane, Roosevelt, Sanger West, and Sunnyside High Schools; Cambridge and Pershing Continuation High Schools; Phoenix Secondary Academy; and Violet Heintz Education Academy. SROs are also assigned to Gaston, Fort Miller, Tenaya, Tioga, Kings Canyon, Terronez, Scandinavian, Glacier Point, Rio Vista, El Capitan, Tehipite, Computech, Baird, Hamilton, Yosemite, Ahwahnee, Cooper, and Sequoia Middle Schools.

SCA reports are published at the conclusion of each school year. This SCA report covers the reporting period for August 2023 through June 2024. The SCA data in this analysis is generated by reporting mechanisms required of SROs and maintained by the sergeants assigned to the SRO unit. Citation and arrest data are also maintained automatically in the Department's Report Writer Systems under each officer's identification. The SCA report may contain a slight variance in statistical data.

The total student population was 35,920 school-age youth in all campuses where SROs are assigned for the year 2023-2024. Each school site provided demographic information and student populations representing a point in time analysis for the 2023-2024 school year.

The demographic data used for this report was obtained from the US Census Bureau website; <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fresnocitycalifornia>.

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 50.6%
- White 24.7%
- Asian 14.2%
- Black/ African American 6.7%
- Multiracial 22.4%
- American Indian/ Alaskan Native 1.5%
- Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander 0.2%

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

- Hispanic 69.2%
- White 8.5%
- Asian 11.2%
- Black/ African American 7.6%
- Multiracial 2.2%
- American Indian/ Alaskan Native 0.5%
- Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander 0.3%
- Filipino 0.5%

A review of the SCA for this reporting period showed there were a total of 212 reported crimes. Of the reported crimes, 35 were felonies, 170 were misdemeanors, and 7 infractions were reported for the 35,920 students on the 34 campuses where SROs are assigned. This represents 0.59% of the student population (212 of the 35,920 students) who were involved in reported criminal activity during this analysis period.

Of the 212 reported crimes, 45 juveniles were booked into the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Campus. Additionally, 452 students were contacted by SROs for involvement in low-level, non-violent criminal behavior. They were either reprimanded and released, referred to Youth Court, or involved in peer mediation/ restorative practices involving school staff. This equates to 68% of all crime-related contacts made by SROs during this reporting period being diverted from the Juvenile Justice System through alternative resolutions and effective use of restorative practice techniques.

The demographic data of the 212-youth committing reported crimes during this analysis period is as follows:

- Hispanic 68.4%
- White 4.2%
- Asian 4.7%
- Black/ African American 18.9%
- Multiracial 3.8%
- American Indian/ Alaskan Native 0%
- Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander 0%
- Filipino 0%
- Unspecified 0%

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