



CITY COUNCIL
Staff Report

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To: Mayor and City Council

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Subject: Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Carlsbad and Carlsbad Unified School District

Recommended Action

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Carlsbad and Carlsbad Unified School District for the School Resource Officer Program for the 2019-20 school year.

Executive Summary

The City of Carlsbad and Carlsbad Unified School District (CUSD) have an ongoing partnership to ensure the safety of students and staff on CUSD school campuses. For the 2019-20 school year, the Police Department will provide CUSD with three school resource officers (SRO) during the school year. One SRO will be assigned to Carlsbad High School for 12 months, one SRO will be assigned to Sage Creek High School for 10 months, and one SRO will be assigned to three middle schools within CUSD for 10 months. Per the agreement, CUSD will pay for one-half the cost of three full-time police officers during the months the SROs are assigned to the schools. CUSD's share is \$206,391 which will be used to reimburse the General Fund. The MOU is effective from Aug. 28, 2019, to Aug. 28, 2020.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.28 of the Carlsbad Municipal Code, the City Council shall be the awarding authority for procurement of services and professional service for which the cost to the city is more than \$100,000 per agreement year.

Discussion

The City of Carlsbad and CUSD have an ongoing partnership to ensure the safety of students and staff on CUSD school campuses. Campus security is enhanced by the presence of police officers who will interact with the students in a positive and proactive manner. Toward that end, the Police Department provided CUSD with at least one SRO every school year since at least 1995. In 2018, CUSD requested a second dedicated SRO for Sage Creek High School, which was approved by City Council, and in 2019, a third SRO was approved for three middle schools within CUSD. The Police Department also has two additional "floater" SRO officers who provide services at other campuses throughout the city but are not specifically assigned to any schools. These two SRO's are fully funded by the City of Carlsbad without any reimbursement from any school district.