



Staff Report

City Council

Item No. {{section.number}}J

Meeting Date: August 14, 2024

From: George Crum, Police Chief

Title: School Resource Officer Contract for School Year 2024-2025

RECOMMENDATION:

To authorize an agreement, in the amount not to exceed \$171,184.00 by and between the City of Cathedral City and Palm Springs Unified School District for the Police Department to provide the district one trained police officer on a full-time basis as a School Resource Officer (SRO) for FY 2024/2025.

BACKGROUND:

For the past 23 years, the Cathedral City Police Department and Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD) have partnered together to provide a specially trained full-time police officer, called a School Resource Officer (SRO), to maintain an immediate police presence and response at Cathedral City High School, as well as other district sites within the city limits. As part of this partnership, the PSUSD has agreed to fund one year for the position of SRO for the ten months that make up each respective school year, mostly covering the salary and benefits of the officer working the assignment.

DISCUSSION:

The term of this agreement shall be effective upon the date both parties have fully executed the agreement. It shall run from that date through June 7, 2025, unless terminated sooner as provided in Section 16 of the agreement. The SRO shall have a regular work schedule of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. five days per week. The SRO assigned to the School District shall provide foot and vehicle patrol and other security protection services on school campuses. The SRO may issue citations or make arrests for crimes, write reports as directed by the district, and other related duties. The SRO may enforce criminal violations and perform other duties agreed to between the city and district. The SRO is authorized to take control of a crisis pursuant to the policies and procedures of the city. The School District agrees to comply with all reasonable requests of the city necessary to the performance of the SRO's duties under this agreement and will furnish space for use by the SRO while performing those duties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The current Cathedral City Police Department SRO salary and benefit package during the term of the contract will not exceed \$171,184.00. The PSUSD funds the position, not to exceed \$171,184.00 during the term of the contract.

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal E:

Action E-5: Police department develops pro-active methods to reach out to youth and families.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. School Resource Officer Contract