



## **CITY OF MENIFEE**

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SUBJECT: Agreement with Romoland School District for School Resource Officer Services

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

PREPARED BY: Heriberto Gutierrez, Captain

REVIEWED BY: Pat Walsh, Police Chief

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Romoland School District for School Resource Officer (SRO) services.

### **DISCUSSION**

The City of Menifee Police Department has set the goal of establishing a School Resource Officer (SRO) Program to support school safety, consistent with the Strategic Visioning Plan of creating a safe and attractive community.

The SRO Program is structured to assist staff, parents, and students with feeling safe while in a learning environment. The Romoland School District (RSD) share the same thoughts and desires to partner in this program.

The Romoland School District Board has authorized the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the City of Menifee for SRO services where they would share funding for one SRO position, estimated to be approximately \$209,981.36 in the first year during the 2023/24 school year. The contract includes a cost share with RSD funding 50% of one officer position and 100% of vehicle costs over the five-year agreement, with increases not to exceed 5% per fiscal year. The City would fund the remaining 50% of the one officer position. See Table 1 below for the cost breakdown of the total charged to the school district.

**Table 1.**

Category	Cost Per Year	Cost Share %	RSD Total
<b>SRO Officer</b>	\$175,500.07	50%	\$87,750.04
<b>Vehicle Costs</b>	\$34,481.28	100% school district	\$34,481.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$209,981.34		<b>\$122,231.32</b>

A goal of the City and District is to ensure adequate public safety in the schools, and one method of increasing safety at schools is to dedicate full-time school resource officers to school campuses. The Police Department has developed guidelines for the SRO with a multifaceted approach to increase school safety and encourage a positive learning environment. The basis of these guidelines begins with the SRO providing a highly visible presence on campus. RSD has agreed to partner with the City for an initial five years in this SRO program. The SRO would continue working under the direction of the City's Chief of Police, or designee, with School District input on assignments as outlined in the agreement.

The Police Department has two existing police officers currently trained as SROs and would train additional officers as needed, pending final approval of the agreement by City Council. The SRO would continue to serve as a resource for teachers, providing classroom presentations that complement the schools' curriculum, and discuss issues that promote responsible citizenship and provide students a better understanding of our legal system.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE**

Safe and Attractive Community

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost, per year, to provide one dedicated, full-time SRO (40 hours per week), including salary, benefits, and necessary equipment is estimated not-to-exceed \$175,500.07.

The proposed agreement shares the cost of one SRO with the Romoland School District. The District is funding 50% of one officer and one hundred 100% of the vehicle cost, therefore RSD's portion of the cost is not-to-exceed \$122,231.32 for FY 2023/24. The City's respective portion of the cost is not-to-exceed \$87,750.04 for FY 2023/24.

The officer and budget are included in the FY2023/24 Proposed Budget, no additional appropriation is needed.

Table 2 below indicates RSD's anticipated costs over the next five years with a built in 5% yearly increase in personnel costs.

**Table 2:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Salary, Benefits, Equipment &amp; Vehicle</b>
<b>FY 23/24</b>	\$ 122,231.32
<b>FY 24/25</b>	\$ 126,618.82
<b>FY 25/26</b>	\$ 131,225.69
<b>FY 26/27</b>	\$ 136,062.91
<b>FY 27/28</b>	\$ 141,142.00

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Agreement