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City Council Memorandum

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** AUGUST 23, 2016

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARDS:** 5, 6, AND 7

SUBJECT: **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016/17 AND 2017/18 - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$261,346.50 PER YEAR**

ISSUE:

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Alvord Unified School District for fiscal years 2016/17 and 2017/18 regarding the School Resource Officer program in the amount of \$261,346.50 per fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Alvord Unified School District (AUSD) outlining terms, obligations and conditions for the School Resource Officer program for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 fiscal years in the amount of \$261,346.50 per fiscal year; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the necessary contract documents.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Police Department (RPD) and AUSD have been working in partnership on the School Resource Officer (SRO) program for over 20 years. The program is an extension of the community oriented policing philosophy whereby police officers are assigned to the public schools to provide a direct public safety resource to the various schools within the district. The model has proven to be an effective crime prevention tool, enhances community trust between youth and law enforcement, and provides a direct resource to handle criminal investigations that occur on campus. Furthermore, officers partner with school staff to reduce student truancy, present educational programs, and encourage students to be responsible for their own actions and to make informed decisions.

DISCUSSION:

RPD provides three SROs, one each for La Sierra High School, Norte Vista High School, and Hillcrest High School.

Fiscal years 2014/15 and 2015/16, AUSD covered approximately 38% of the costs of the SRO program. The attached MOU is for AUSD to cover 50% of the costs. The total annual estimated cost is \$522,693.00; the City's portion is \$261,346.50 per year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The SRO program costs will be shared equally between the City and AUSD for a total annual estimated cost of \$522,693.00 to fund the three SRO positions. Per the terms of this proposed MOU, AUSD will fund 50% of the cost in the amount of \$261,346.50 annually in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 fiscal years. The City will cover the remaining \$261,346.50 per fiscal year for salary and benefits, which is included in RPD's Personnel Services Budget, account number 3125000-411100.

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Certified as to

availability of funds: Scott G. Miller, Interim Finance Director/Treasurer

Approved by: Alexander T. Nguyen, Assistant City Manager

Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachment: MOU – School Resource Program with Alvord Unified School District