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# City Council Memorandum

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**      **DATE: JULY 10, 2018**

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

**SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE AND ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$610,434 FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2020**

## **ISSUE:**

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside and Alvord Unified School District in the amount of \$610,434 for the term of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020 for the School Resource Officer Program.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Alvord Unified School District outlining terms, obligations and conditions for the School Resource Officer program for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 fiscal years in the total amount of \$610,434;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Alvord Unified School District, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside Police Department (RPD) and Alvord Unified School District (AUSD) have been in partnership with a School Resource Officer (SRO) program for over 21 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 at La Sierra High School, Norte Vista High School, and Hillcrest High School. The Alvord Unified School District and the Riverside Police Department would like to continue this partnership that supports positive youth development, crime reduction and school safety.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The SRO program costs will be shared equally between the City and AUSD for a total estimated cost of \$610,434 to fund the three SRO positions annually. Per the terms of the MOU, AUSD will fund 50% of the cost in the amount of \$305,217 annually in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 fiscal years; this is an increase from the current agreement of \$261,246.50 per year. The City will cover the remaining \$305,217 per year for salary and benefits, which is included in RPD's FY 2018-2020 Two-Year Adopted budget.

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Approved by:	Lea Deesing, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form:	Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

## **Attachment:**

1. Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside and Alvord Unified School District for the School Resource Officer Program
2. Presentation