



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Sean Thuilliez, Chief of Police
DATE: June 20, 2023
SUBJECT: School Resource Officer Agreement

Description Request to approve a three-year agreement with the Beaumont Unified School District for the Police Department to provide three School Resource Officers.

Background and Analysis:

The Beaumont Police Department and the Beaumont Unified School District have partnered together to provide School Resource Officers (SRO), to maintain an immediate police presence and response at the middle and high schools.

SROs play a crucial role in maintaining a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, and staff, contributing significantly to the overall well-being of the school community. SROs serve as a deterrent to potential threats and criminal activities within schools. Their presence alone can discourage disruptive behavior, violence, and substance abuse, promoting a sense of security and fostering a conducive learning environment.

By establishing a visible law enforcement presence, SROs instill a sense of trust and reassurance among students, allowing them to focus on their studies without undue concern for their safety. SROs can serve as mentors, offering guidance and support to students, and helping to bridge the gap between law enforcement and young individuals. This interaction fosters a better understanding of the role of police officers and promotes positive perceptions, reducing misconceptions and stereotypes.

It is important to note that the strategic value of SROs lies not only in their law enforcement responsibilities but also in their ability to build trust, mentorship, and positive connections within the school community. By promoting safety, preventing crime, and actively engaging with students, SROs contribute to a well-rounded approach to education that prioritizes both physical security and holistic student development.

Currently, the police department provides two SROs which allows a presence at Beaumont and Glen View High School and San Gorgonio and Mountain View middle schools. The District is requesting to enhance this agreement for a third SRO to work primarily at Summerwind Trails Middle School and additional coverage at Beaumont High School.

The District is reimbursing 100 hundred percent of the costs of the three SROs and the purchase of the third SRO police vehicle. The current agreement expires on June 30, 2023, this new agreement will run through June 30, 2026.

Beaumont Unified School District Board of Education approved this agreement at their board meeting on June 6, 2023.

Fiscal Impact:

The total cost for three (3) School Resource Officers (including salary, benefits, and assigned police vehicles) for three years is \$2,027,443. These costs will come from the General Fund. The District will reimburse 100% of these costs using the following yearly breakdown:

Year 1:	\$764,931
Year 2:	\$625,972
Year 3:	\$636,540

Year 1 includes the District's reimbursement for the cost of purchasing a new police vehicle and specialized training for the added third SRO.

Year 3 includes the projected Cost of Living adjustment above Year 2.

The third SRO position is included in the approved FY2024 budget.

The cost for this staff report was \$1,000.

Recommended Action:

Approve the agreement between the City and the Beaumont Unified School District authorizing the Police Department to provide three (3) School Resource Officer positions with the total three-year General Fund Cost of \$2,027,443.

Authorize the Finance Department to invoice the District for reimbursement of all salary, benefits, and police vehicle costs associated with providing these services.

Attachments:

- A. SRO Agreement with BUSD