



# CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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## Staff Report

**DATE:** April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

**FROM:** Chris Bourquin, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution approving and directing execution of an authorizing to add the City of Del Rey Oaks to the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to the implementation and deployment of a Monterey Peninsula regional police, Special Response Unit consisting of special weapons and tactics, tactical medicine, and crisis negotiation team components.

**CEQA:** This action does not constitute a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines section 15378 as it is an administrative activity of the City that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

### Recommendation

Del Rey Oaks City Council adopt a Resolution to add the City of Del Rey Oaks as a participating agency to the Monterey Peninsula Special Response Unit (SRU).

### Background & Summary

In 2010 the cities of Seaside, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Carmel, and California State University at Monterey Bay entered into Memorandum of Understanding for the “Implementation and Deployment of a Regional Police Special Response Unit (SRU) Consisting of Special Weapons and Tactics, Tactical Medicine, and Crisis Negotiation Team Components” (MOU). The City of Del Rey Oaks is the only Peninsula agency not to have joined SRU. Each of the participating agencies dedicate resources and personnel in support of SRU’s objective, which is to provide specialized support in handling critical field operations where intense negotiations and/or special tactical deployment methods are required, but beyond the normal scope of field officers.

The City of Del Rey Oaks would benefit greatly from joining SRU. The benefits include:

- Development of supervisors and leaders with specialized training.
- Regional integration which emphasizes teamwork, sacrifice, and dedication.
- Recruitment of personnel who would like this assignment opportunity.
- Executive oversight remains with partner agencies.
- Fast response times for critical incidents with a local team.

Section 8 of the MOU allows a new agency to join the SRU if agreed upon by all current parties. Currently all parties are in agreement to add Del Rey Oaks as a participating agency to the SRU MOU. Adding Del Rey Oaks will increase SRU resources and allow for more effective response times to critical incidents that require SRU capabilities.

Staff requests City Council adopt a resolution amending the SRU MOU to add the City of Del Rey Oaks as a participating agency.

### **Fiscal Impacts**

The yearly dues to the SRU team from each city are \$5,000.00. Per the MOU, each agency will be responsible for all personnel costs and obligations associated with any officer(s) it assigns to the team, including but not limited to, base salary, overtime, and all other benefits. The costs associated with having a member of the Del Rey Oaks Police Department on the SRU is estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per year. The vast majority of that cost is related to overtime.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- SRU MOU
- Amendment No. 1

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chris Bourquin  
Chief of Police