



Eustis Police Department

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager
Craig Capri, Chief of Police

DATE: June 20th, 2024

RE: Resolution Number 24-45: School Resource Officer (SRO) 2024-2025

Introduction:

Resolution Number 24-45 authorizes the Mayor and the Chief of Police to accept and utilize funds in the amount of three hundred and two thousand four hundred and six dollars and fourteen cents (\$302,406.14) for services of the five (5) SROs provided pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Such compensation shall be invoiced to the SCHOOL BOARD by the LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY in equal quarterly installments (September, November, February, and May) commencing on the 1st day of September 2024. Invoices shall be paid by the SCHOOL BOARD within fifteen (15) days of receipt. In the event that The Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, agrees to pay for any or all of the police officers assigned to the schools pursuant to this Agreement, then the LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY agrees that the SCHOOL BOARD may assign its obligation to pay under this section to The Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida. The agreement will strengthen community relations in and around the City of Eustis by allowing Eustis Police Officers to interact with students, parents, school administration, and a host of other people while simply safeguarding our schools within the City.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of Resolution Number 24-45.

Background:

The School Board of Lake County, Florida has agreements with many municipal police agencies within Lake County, Florida where the Lake County Sheriff's Office does not employ their School Resource Deputies. All the agreements are standard with only the amount being paid by the school board is different due to salary ranges from other municipal agencies.

In previous years, the Eustis Police Department had School Resource Officers in our local schools; however, they were replaced by Lake County Deputies due to funding abilities of the City of Eustis.

A sense of community interaction and trust was lost when City of Eustis Police Officers were removed from the schools. Having Eustis Police Officers in our schools gives us

the ability to earn trust and build positive relationships, while working on strengthening our community.

Community Input:

There has been no specific community input associated with this resolution.

Budget/ Staff Impact:

The SCHOOL BOARD will pay the **City of Eustis** the sum of Three hundred and two thousand four hundred and six dollars and fourteen cents (\$302,406.14) for services of the five (5) SROs provided pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Such compensation shall be invoiced to the SCHOOL BOARD by the LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY in equal quarterly installments (September, November, February, and May) commencing on the 1st day of September 2024. Invoices shall be paid by the SCHOOL BOARD within fifteen (15) days of receipt.

The police department's general fund will be needed to cover any differences for two months' salary.

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