



# City of Eustis

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TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Rick Gierok, Interim City Manager

DATE: May 21, 2026

RE: Resolution Number 2026-47: EPD School Resource Officer Agreement  
(2026-2027 School Year)

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## **Summary**

The proposed Resolution approves an Agreement between the School Board of Lake County, Florida and the City of Eustis for the provision of School Resource Officer (SRO) services during the 2026-2027 school year.

Under the Agreement, the City of Eustis Police Department will provide five (5) sworn law enforcement officers to serve as School Resource Officers at Eustis Elementary School, Eustis Heights Elementary School, Eustis Middle School, Eustis High School Curtright Campus, and Eustis High School Main Campus.

The Agreement establishes the operational responsibilities of the parties, reimbursement procedures, assignment provisions, and school safety coordination requirements associated with the SRO program. The School Board of Lake County will reimburse the City for eligible salary and benefit costs associated with services rendered pursuant to the Agreement.

Approval of the Resolution authorizes execution of the Agreement for a one-year term beginning August 10, 2026 and continuing through the final student day of the 2026-2027 school year.

## **Background**

The City of Eustis has historically partnered with the School Board of Lake County to provide School Resource Officers within schools located inside the municipal boundaries of the City.

The presence of School Resource Officers promotes campus safety, facilitates coordination between school administration and law enforcement, and strengthens relationships between students, school personnel, and the Eustis Police Department. In addition to providing law enforcement services and emergency response capabilities, SROs serve as visible community partners and assist with threat management, crime prevention, and school safety initiatives.

The proposed Agreement substantially follows the standard form utilized by the School Board of Lake County for participating municipal law enforcement agencies throughout Lake County. The Agreement provides for reimbursement to the City for eligible personnel

costs associated with the assignment of five (5) School Resource Officers during the school year.

The Agreement also includes operational provisions relating to officer assignment, leave coverage, emergency response authority, threat management coordination, and information technology/network access requirements applicable to SRO operations on School Board property.

### **Legal Considerations**

The proposed Agreement constitutes a valid intergovernmental arrangement for law enforcement and school safety services consistent with the City's municipal home rule authority under Chapter 166, Florida Statutes.

The Agreement appropriately preserves the employment status, supervision, and operational authority of the City's police officers while establishing coordination responsibilities with School Board personnel and administration. The Agreement further contains sovereign immunity limitations and indemnification language consistent with Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The School Board of Lake County will reimburse the City for eligible salary and benefit costs associated with the five (5) School Resource Officers assigned pursuant to the Agreement. Reimbursement will occur through monthly invoicing in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. The Police Department may temporarily utilize existing budgeted funds to account for timing differences between payroll expenditures and reimbursement processing.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve Resolution 2026-47 authorizing execution of the School Resource Officer Agreement between the School Board of Lake County, Florida and the City of Eustis for the 2026-2027 school year.

### **Business Impact Estimate**

Not applicable.

### **Attachments**

1. Resolution 2026-47: School Resource Officer Agreement – 2026-2027 School Year
2. Agreement Between the School Board of Lake County, Florida and the City of Eustis for School Resource Officer Program [2026-2027]

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