



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action approving a resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Boerne ISD and the City of Fair Oaks Ranch for the School Resource Officer Program.

DATE: June 20, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PRESENTED BY: Tim Moring, Chief of Police

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

In 2020, the Fair Oaks Ranch Police Department added a project under the Public Health, Safety, and Wellness pillar to create an official school resource officer (SRO) position within the police department to serve our two elementary schools. The SAP was put into action at the end of 2021 when coordination with the school district and police department began in anticipation of the upcoming budget process for FY 2022-23. In response to the tragic events at Robb Elementary, the school district, along with the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, have committed to ensuring the absolute safety and security for our students at Fair Oaks Ranch and Van Raub Elementaries. Boerne ISD and the City of Fair Oaks Ranch authorized an agreement in 2022 to provide two School Resource Officers through the end of the school year of 2024.

The agreement drafted by the school district renews the City's commitment to the safety of our schools by continuing to provide dedicated officers for each school campus. The agreement contains some changes that will affect the City through the duration of the agreement. Most notably, the agreement has been extended from two years to three years with a progressive change in the percentage of costs paid by the district. The agreement states the district will pay the City a 5% increase rate per year after the 2024/2025 school year, not to exceed 70%. Each year of the agreement is as follows:

- 2024/2025 School year – BISD agrees to pay 60% of the total costs for each SRO.
- 2025/2026 School year – BISD agrees to pay 65% of the total costs for each SRO.
- 2026/2027 School year – BISD agrees to pay 70% of the total costs for each SRO.

The SRO positions will be full-time employees of the police department and will work closely with school district officials on day-to-day operations. The SRO positions will report directly to the police department Lieutenant and will primarily be responsible for the safety and security of students and staff while simultaneously being role models and mentors to students throughout the school. SROs will aide school administration and staff and will be responsible for coordinating training between the school and first responders (Fair Oaks PD, Fire, and EMS).

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

Strategic Action Plan Project 4.4.1 is to Develop a School Resource Officer Program to provide security and promote communication with schools.

Ensures a uniformed officer is on location at each campus to act as deterrent to potential threats, investigate possible threats, and respond to acts of intentional harm upon students and staff.

Serves as positive community role-model for elementary age students.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The Proposed agreement remains the same in the first year as the school district will fund 60% of the costs school resource officers, while the City funds the remaining 40%. The school district share of operation costs increases in years 2 and 3 of the agreement.

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

The attached agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the three-year agreement with Boerne ISD for two (2) School Resource Officer positions for Fair Oaks Ranch and Van Raub Elementaries.