

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER

AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

Agenda Item: Approve a new position for the Richland Center Police Department with an emphasis on a Community Resource Officer for the Richland School District.

Meeting Date: May 24, 2023.

Requested by: Billy J. Jones, Chief of Police

Reviewed/Recommended by: Administrator Ashley Oliphant

Background: District Administrator and Chief of Police have been in contact and have had several meetings/discussions about the benefits of bringing a Community Resource Officer into the Schools. Both parties believe this position will build bridges between the students and the police. The CRO will provide a direct link between the district and police department which will span over many topics. The City Administrator has been included in one meeting and has been kept up to speed. The School District has voted and committed a 70/30 split for wages, benefits, and equipment. CRO would be used in the schools during the school year and then be brought back to the department during the off-school season, Shift has not been determined. Job Description and MOU would have to be agreed upon by School and City. Police Commission reviewed the MOU and Job Description during the May 8th meeting and agreed to endorse and recommend the new position, along with the CRO assignment be approved by council.

Start Date: August 14th, 2023.

The mission of the CRO Program is to create and maintain safe, secure, and orderly learning environments for students, teachers, and staff. This is accomplished by assigning a Law Enforcement Officer employed by the Police Department to School District facilities on a permanent basis during the school year.

Financial Impact: This was not a budgeted expense. See attached.

Funding Source: RSD has voted and passed a motion to agree to the MOU Presented by the City of Richland commitment for 70/30 split with the city- wages and benefits. PD salary line.

Requested Action: Motion would be to Approve a new position for the Richland Center Police Department with an emphasis on a Community Resource Officer for the Richland School District.

Attachment(s): CRO Job Description and MOU-