## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

## BETWEEN THE SANGER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF SANGER POLICE

## **DEPARTMENT**

The Sanger Independent School District Police Department (hereinafter referred to as "School Police") and the City of Sanger Police Department (hereinafter referred to as "City Police") mutually desire to create a cooperative atmosphere ensuring maximum operational efficiency for both departments. Each party also desires to comply with the Texas Education Code Section 37.081. Accordingly, the Chief of Police of each department now adopts the following procedures, as duly and lawfully authorized by the respective governing bodies of each department.

- 1. During school hours or during school district events staffed by School Police, School Police will initiate and complete all felony and misdemeanor reports of criminal offenses that occur on school property, as well as any related follow-up investigations, unless the suspect or victim of said offenses(s) involves an employee of the school district. At the request of School Police, City Police may provide assistance, as needed.
- 2. During non-school hours, City Police will initiate and complete all reports of criminal offenses that occur on school property and forward a copy of said cases(s) to the School Police for investigative follow-up. If School Police are not available, such as during school approved breaks, the City Police will be required to conduct the criminal investigation, and forward a copy of the case to the Chief of School Police. SISD PD will provide a yearly school calendar to Sanger PD to show days that schools will be closed.
- 3. Based on available resources, the City Police will provide assistance in any criminal investigation, upon request from School Police.
- 4. City Police will coordinate with the Campus Principal regarding interviews and/or interrogations of students that need to be contacted. Upon request of City Police to interview or question a student, the Principal will follow the District guidelines contained in Board policy GRA (LOCAL), which include notifying parent(s) of the student to inform them of a pending interview and/or interrogation, unless the City Police raises an objection the Principal considers valid in which case the parent will not be notified. If a conflict arises between the principal and the investigating officer in regards to a student's access for interview, the School Principal shall contact the Sanger Independent School District (SISD) Professional Standards Administrator to address the situation. School Police may conduct interviews and/or interrogations upon request of City Police.
- 5. School Police and City Police will develop guidelines to implement the terms and conditions of this agreement and to promote an efficient, cooperative working relationship between the two departments.
- 6. The City Police will not furnish personnel for duty as School Resource Officer(s), but may be employed by the School Police in an off duty capacity to assist School Police with additional police officer staffing on SISD campuses, and may provide a liaison officer to the SISD for the purposes of scheduling presentations or courses of instruction by police personnel. Presentations or courses of instruction will be based on available personnel and resources and includes; but is not limited to, the following topics:
  - a) Texas Juvenile Justice System

- b) Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Prevention
- c) Youth Distracted Driving
- d) Texas Traffic Laws
- e) Personal Safety
- f) Officer Friendly Presentations
- g) Career Day
- 7. The School Police and the City Police hereby agree to concurrent jurisdiction within 1000 feet of any SISD School, within the corporate city limits of the city of Sanger.
- 8. The appropriate agency response within the concurrent jurisdiction boundaries shall be as follows:
  - a) School Police
    - 1) Will provide traffic control for major school district events
    - 2) May enforce provisions of the Texas Transportation Code
    - 3) Will respond to disruptions or offenses occurring on school buses, whether the bus driver determines there is a necessity to stop prior to reaching a school campus or school bus stop
  - b) City Police
    - 1) Will patrol city streets and provide traffic support on streets contiguous to SISD property.
    - 2) Will assist with traffic control on streets contiguous to SISD property for major school district events, if area units are available.
  - c) School Police and City Police will send backup units, when requested, if units are available.

Each party expressly waives all claims against the other party for compensation for any loss, damage, personal injury, or death to a law enforcement officer occurring as a consequence of the performance of this agreement.

Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to either party or to create a legal right or claim on behalf of the third-party. Neither party waives, modifies or alters to any extent whatsoever the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State of Texas.

These procedures may be modified in writing from time-to-time, as deemed mutually necessary by the parties. This memorandum replaces and supersedes any previous Memorandum of Understanding between the Sanger Independent School District Police Department and City of Sanger Police Department.

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