


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-338	Meeting:	August 5, 2019
	Agenda Item:	63	Roll Call:	19-1256
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Amend existing 28E Agreement with the Des Moines Independent School District (School District) for the School Resource Officer (SRO) program to allow for the addition of positions and changes to cost sharing agreement.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of an amendment to the 28E Agreement to allow for the addition of two (2) SRO positions for a total of 11 positions, and a change in the cost sharing agreement from a 60% school share 40% City share to a 50% equal share effective July 1, 2019. Existing Police Officers/Senior Police Officers would fill the two (2) new SRO positions at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Since the Police Department is planning on using existing officers, the cost of the two (2) “new” SRO positions (\$131,000 each) has already been realized, this change is essentially cost neutral.

Should the Police Department seek to backfill these two (2) positions in the future, costs would increase by \$131,000 for each position as shown in the chart below:

	FY 2019 Actual 9 SROs	FY 2020 Proposed 11 SROs	
City	\$ 468,811.60	\$ 731,568.50	
Schools	\$ 703,217.40	\$ 731,568.50	
	\$ 1,172,029.00	\$ 1,463,137.00	

Funding Source: FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget, School Resource Officer Program; page 191

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City was approached by the School District to amend the agreement to a 50/50 split as it is more the national standard. The School District and Police Department expressed a mutual desire to increase police presence in middle schools.
- With the two (2) additional SROs, six (6) will be assigned to high schools including Central Campus, with four (4) assigned to middle schools, plus one (1) sergeant supervisor position.

- The 50/50 split is for salary, benefits, and overtime of the SROs. Costs such as vehicles, training, equipment, uniforms will continue to be the sole cost of the City.
- This amends the existing agreement which took effect July 1, 2015. The contract will expire on June 30, 2021.
- The SRO program began in 1999 to support an increased community Police presence in the schools. The program was amended to add three (3) additional officers in 2006 to bring it to the current present staffing levels.
- The Des Moines School Board anticipates approving this agreement at their August board meeting.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 12, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-1707](#)

Action: [28E](#) Agreement with the Des Moines Independent Community School District for continuation of the School Resource Officer Program. ([Council Communication No. 15-529](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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