



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: POLICE

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Sara Hensley, City Manager

DATE: August 5, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Contract in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District (DISD), for reimbursement to the City in the estimated amount of \$508,392 for compensation and benefits of six Student Resource Officers (SROs) assigned at DISD for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Student Resource Officer (SRO) Program is a cooperative partnership between the City of Denton and DISD which assigns police officers to designated middle and high schools within city limits. Student Resources Officers work their assigned campus on a full-time basis with the purpose of providing a “student centric” approach towards building a positive relationship between police officers and students.

The MOU is reviewed and approved annually, which outlines the mission, goals and financial aspects of the SRO program. The current MOU expires on June 30, 2025, and provides for nine (9) SROs at DISD middle and high schools. The City receives a reimbursement at the rate of fifty (50) percent for those nine (9) SROs assigned to a campus during the academic year. The Denton Police Department also assigns a Sergeant to the SRO Program, but one hundred (100) percent of the Sergeant’s salary and benefits is paid for by the City.

Representatives of DISD and the City discussed the successor MOU that would be effective from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Due to budgetary constraints for both the City and DISD, but to ensure a sufficient police presence on these campuses and to increase staffing for the Denton Police Department, representatives of the City and DISD agreed to reduce the number of SROs on these DISD campuses from nine (9) to six (6). In addition, the DPD Sergeant will no longer be assigned to the SRO Program but the SROs will report to a DPD Sergeant. The amount reimbursed by DISD to the City for the six (6) SROs for the 2025-2026 school year is \$508,392.

While the number of SROs assigned to these DISD campuses will be reduced from nine (9) to six (6), safety will not be sacrificed as the SROs will supplement DISD's School Security Officers. DISD retains supervision of its School Security Officers. **HOWEVER**, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the City and DISD regarding Texas Education Code 37.0814 (Armed Security Officer Required) - Ordinance No. 24-1541 - effective June 17, 2024, if a law enforcement response for a criminal matter is required, such as an active shooter, and should DPD respond, DPD shall be in charge of the law enforcement response and DISD School Security Officers shall obey any instructions given to them by DPD unless a reasonable officer would deem that order illegal or unethical.

Approval of the successor MOU requires approval by the DISD Board of Trustees and the City Council. The DISD Board of Trustees approved the MOU on July 29, 2025. If the new MOU is approved by both governing bodies, it will be effective on July 1, 2025, and expire on June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the SRO Program with DISD, in the form of the 2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

On August 20, 2024, Council approved Ordinance 24-1252, authorizing the annual SRO MOU with DISD effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

On January 14, 2025, Council approved Ordinance 24-2598, which provided for reimbursement to the City in the estimated amount of \$309,703 for compensation and benefits of nine Student Resource Officers (SROs) assigned at DISD for the period of February 3, 2025 through June 30, 2025, replacing the MOU with DISD for SROs that was effective on July 1, 2024, and; Reassigning the Police Lieutenant that was assigned to the SRO Program back to the Police Department.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Denton Independent School District
2025-2026 academic year total estimate \$508,392
General Fund Revenue – 1000.4632

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: AIS – SRO Program 2025-2026
Exhibit 2: Ordinance & MOU – SRO Program 2025-2026

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Jessica Robledo
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