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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: POLICE

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Todd Hileman

DATE: May 7, 2018

SUBJECT

Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding school safety, the School Resource Officer (SRO) program and Memorandum of Understanding, the Hero's Helping program, and any programs or services between the Denton Police Department and Denton Independent School District.

BACKGROUND

The Denton Police Department assigns a police officer to each of the three DISD high school campuses and each of the three DISD middle school campuses within the city limits. These School Resources Officers are deployed to the campuses on a full-time basis to provide a police presence and to help maintain a safe, secure, and orderly learning environment for students and staff.

For several years, the SRO program has been codified through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Denton and DISD. The MOU is reviewed and approved annually, outlines the mission, goals, and the financial aspects of the SRO program. Beginning July 1, 2018, DISD has agreed to increase the reimbursement to the City and provide for fifty percent of the annual salary and benefits of the School Resource Officers assigned to all six of the middle and high school campuses within the city limits.

Denton ISD started a project called "A Hero's Helping" on Mondays, offering a free meal to uniformed law enforcement officers, fire, and military personnel in any of the school district's cafeterias. The program is intended to provide opportunities for students and staff to build relationships with first responders and provide an extra sense of security.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

April 3, 2018, City Council Agenda Item - Resolution – 18-467.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: **Safe, Liveable & Family-Friendly Community**
Related Goal: **4.1 Enhance public safety in the community**

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 3: Memorandum of Understanding

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