

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> Agreement with the Shoreline School District Regarding School Resource Officer
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> City Manager's Office
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Robert L. Olander, City Manager

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Due to their current financial situation, the Shoreline School District decided to eliminate the School Resource Office (SRO) positions that have been jointly funded by the School District and the City of Shoreline over the last several years. While the District acknowledges the value of the programs, they are faced with difficult financial choices and the Board has decided to eliminate this program. The program has funded one full time SRO position that has been jointly shared between the two high schools. In addition, the program has financed a half time position that is shared between the middle and elementary schools. This half time FTE has been staffed by a number of individuals working on an over time basis.

However, in recent discussions with the new school superintendent, Sue Walker, we have arrived at a recommended compromise that would allow the program to continue on a more limited basis. This new proposal would permit the full time high school SRO position to continue but would necessarily eliminate the dedicated funding for the half time elementary/middle school position.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Funding for the one and one half positions is outlined in attachment B from our current SRO contract. As indicated in that exhibit, in 2006 the School District and the City each had committed to contributing \$65,825 toward the high school SRO program. As a result of the changing financial condition of the School District, the School District has committed to contributing \$42,722 towards the high school SRO program for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year. In its new budget starting in September 2006 the School District has allocated approximately \$40,000 toward a security contract position at the high school level that was proposed to replace to some extent the SRO position. The School District has now agreed to dedicate that \$40,000 toward continuation of the high school program. Under this proposal, the District would contribute \$40,000 toward the high school SRO program with the City contributing the remaining, which amounts to \$92,420 (approximately 70%). Since the District will be eliminating the elementary/middle school program the City can reallocate its \$25,483

share toward the high school position and thus stay within or close to current budgetary allocations for 2007.

In 2006, the City will have paid \$78,745 towards the SRO program, and in 2007, the City will pay approximately \$82,761 towards the SRO program, assuming that we fund an SRO program for the entire calendar year of 2007. The 2006 budget had the City contributing \$83,125 towards the program, excluding grant funding. The City would continue to work closely with those middle and elementary schools that have particular needs through our existing patrol, detective, and community service staff.

The following table summarizes the proposed funding plan for the SRO program for 2006 and 2007 based on the recommended changes:

	<u>2006 Budget</u>	<u>2006 Actual</u>	<u>Difference in 2006 Budget</u>	<u>2007 Projected</u>
<b>Program Costs</b>				
Elementary/Middle School	60,635	36,874	(23,761)	-
High School Program	127,736	127,736	-	134,761
Total Cost	188,371	164,610	(23,761)	134,761
<b>Program Funding</b>				
Grants	22,121	22,121	-	22,000
School District	83,125	63,744	(19,381)	30,000
City	83,125	78,745	(4,380)	82,761
Total Funding	188,371	164,610	(23,761)	134,761

As the City works toward preparation of its own 2007 budget, we continue to project gaps between available resources and continuing program and service costs. We therefore need to take a conservative approach to any new services or costs. In addition to this consideration, staff feels it is an important principle that the School District continue to share at least some of the cost for the SRO program. This program does provide significant value for the School District and that value needs to be reflected in some level of joint financial participation. We have also expressed the hope that the District will be able to reinstate full funding for this program as they stabilize their finances in the future.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the modifications to the agreement with the School District for the SRO program outlined above and contained in the attached Interlocal Agreement.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 

Attachment

**Amendment No. 1 to Joint Cooperative Agreement between  
City of Shoreline and Shoreline District #412  
Relating to Law Enforcement Services**

WHEREAS, Shoreline District #412 ("District") and the City of Shoreline ("City") entered into a Joint Cooperative Agreement ("Agreement") Relating to Law Enforcement Services on October 11, 2004; and

WHEREAS, under the Agreement the parties provide equal funding for the School Resource Officer ("SRO") program at elementary schools and high schools within the City;

WHEREAS, the parties need to eliminate SRO services in elementary and middle schools due to lack of sufficient District funds; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to continue providing the high schools with SRO services;

WHEREAS, the parties further desire to decrease the District's total contribution to \$40,000, and increase the City's contribution to the remainder of the total (approximately 70%).

NOW THEREFORE, the Agreement is amended in the following respects:

**Section 1.** Section 1.1 of the Agreement is amended as follows:

1.1 Security Services. The City will provide as a supplementary service a full-time officer dedicated to the security needs of the School District and referred to as School Resource Officer ("SRO"). The SRO will provide law enforcement and security information and services to the District, as detailed in Exhibit A-1 to this document, incorporated herein.

**Section 4.** Section 4 of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**4. COMPENSATION**

4.1 This amendment does not alter the District's payment responsibilities for the SRO program in the 2005-2006 school year. Specifically, the District owes the City \$10,680 for the high school SRO program for the July 2006 and August 2006 billing cycle for the 2005-2006 school year, and will be billed accordingly.

4.2 The SRO program is discontinued for elementary and middle schools for the 2006-2007 school year, but the SRO program will be provided in high schools for the 2006-2007 school year. For the 2006-2007 school year, the District will fund \$40,000 of the program and the City will fund the remainder of the program total, after application of any grant funding from the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) designated for the purpose of the SRO program received by the City. The cost for the SRO program in high schools for the 2006-2007 school year is included in Exhibit B-1 to this document, incorporated herein.

4.3 Billing. The City will bill the District quarterly for the SRO program. Payments are due within 30 days after receipt of the invoice by the City.

**Section 5.** Section 5 of the Agreement is amended as follows:

The termination date is extended to August 31, 2007.

The parties agree that, except as specifically provided in this amendment, the terms and conditions of the existing Agreement continue in full force and effect.

CITY OF SHORELINE

SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT #412

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Robert Olander  
City Manager

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Sue Walker  
Superintendent

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Flannery P. Collins  
Assistant City Attorney

## EXHIBIT A-1

### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM SCOPE OF WORK

#### **INTENT:**

The overall goal of the joint cooperative agreement between the City of Shoreline Police Department and Shoreline School District is to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) Program to high schools within the Shoreline School District, with the District contributing \$40,000 of the costs and the City contributing the remainder of the costs (approximately 70%). The City of Shoreline will endeavor to actively seek grant funding to help defray the cost of the SRO Program. The District is also encouraged to apply for grant funding to offset the shared cost of the program.

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW:**

The SRO Program involves the assignment of a dedicated, full time Shoreline police officer to the campuses of Shoreline School District's high schools. The officer will be selected by the School District and will work between the two high schools. The officer will have specialized SRO training.

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

- **Staff Training** – The officer will provide training for staff on topics such as youth gangs, violence intervention, drug identification and intervention.
- **Student Education** – The officer will assist in classroom instruction, with prior agreement of the school and teacher(s), by discussing topics such as substance abuse prevention, criminal and constitutional law, refusal skills, firearms awareness and safety, internet crimes and safety and personal safety.
- **Parent Education** – The officer will provide training opportunities to parents on topics such as emerging youth issues related to violence, substance abuse, and the criminal justice system.
- **Building Rapport with Students** – The officer will help students to see officers as a youth advocate whose primary concern is their safety and security.
- **Law Enforcement / Safety Assistance to Schools** – The officer will assist staff on issues such as truancy, child abuse, suicide and violence, and provide site security and law enforcement services on an as-needed basis, in conjunction with current school district security officers.
- **Mentoring Students** - The officer will foster a one-on-one relationship of trust and guidance with the students to enable them to develop healthy and safe lifestyles and patterns.

**EXHIBIT B-1**

**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM  
COST AND FUNDING**

**High School Program**

**September 2006- August 2007**

*Program Cost*

Annual Cost for SRO Deputy \$132,420

*Program Funding*

City of Shoreline General Fund Allocation \$92,420

Shoreline School District Allocation \$40,000

Total Funding \$132,420