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Date: April 12, 2023
To: Goodhue County Commissioners
From: Sheriff Marty Kelly
Subject: Pine Island School District 255 School Resource Officer Contract
Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District 2805 School Resource Officer Contract

Report Summary

The Goodhue County Sheriff's Office has once again been asked to provide School Resource Officer (SRO) services for the Pine Island School District 255 and the Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District 2805. These contracts provide for a great relationship between the school district personnel/students and the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office. Per the County Board's request, these contracts run from 7/1/23-6/30/24 (1 year). These contracts provide the districts with a deputy for 1,600 hours per school year to provide instruction and law enforcement- School Resource Officer services.

We have provided a comparison of our local schools that have SRO's along with a statewide comparison provided by County Administrator Arneson for your review.

Recommendations

Respectfully request the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners approve these contracts with the Pine Island School District 255 and the Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District 2805.

I am also respectfully requesting that after these 1-year contracts are up, that if the school districts choose to continue the program that we may enter into a 3-year contract beginning July 1, 2024.

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**Contract for Police-School Liaison Officer
Between The
Goodhue County Sheriff's Office
And
The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District 2805**

The period of this Agreement shall be July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

This agreement, made and entered into this 27 day of February, by and between the County of Goodhue, hereinafter referred to as the County, the Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District, hereafter referred to as the "District" and the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office, hereafter referred to as the Sheriff, is entered into under Minnesota law.

1) PURPOSE:

This contract is to address the need for the presence of a law enforcement School Liaison Deputy to be assigned by the Sheriff to work in and around the Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District. The School Liaison Deputy will provide instruction and law enforcement-school liaison service to the District recognizing these services. Services provided may be, but are not limited to the following:

1. Respond to on-campus emergencies involving medical problems, injuries and related emergency situations of students, staff, and the general public.
2. Enforce federal laws, state laws and local ordinances on the school District campus and on District owned property.
3. Initiate investigations of crimes committed on the school District campus, and District owned property, and prevent continued criminal behavior.
4. Detain and/or arrest suspects according to law and policies of the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office.
5. Initiate investigative referrals to the "Sheriff's Investigations Division" as appropriate.
6. Perform investigative follow-up work, including the interviewing of witness, victims and suspects.
7. Complete information and prepare cases for the City and County Attorneys.
8. Promote and provide crime prevention education to staff, students and the public.
9. Provide information to the District faculty and staff regarding federal laws, state laws, local ordinances, and the criminal justice system.
10. Assist district faculty and staff when needed with unruly or violent students.
11. Attend district faculty and staff meetings, committee meetings, staff seminars/ training as requested and appropriate to job position.

12. Participate in student/staff programs as appropriate to job position.
Example: Alcohol and Drug Assessment Teams, Conflict/Relationship Mediation Programs, Support Groups, Student at Risk Programs.
13. Provide assistance in counseling services, provide resource information and options to students as appropriate to the job position.
14. Refer students to District and County counseling services as appropriate.
15. Provide classroom and educational programs dealing with drug, alcohol, and violence prevention (DARE).
16. Provide education to students, faculty, staff, and the public dealing with gang activity and other issues pertaining to law enforcement practices and the Police/School Liaison Program.
17. Coordinate activities, promote, develop and implement programs between the District, Municipalities within the District areas, County, and the criminal justice system.
18. Investigate school truancy.
19. Enforce parking violations on school property at the sole discretion of the deputy.
20. Perform other duties as assigned by the Sheriff, Chief Deputy, Patrol Commander or Operations Captain.

2) OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY:

The Sheriff shall assign in accordance with applicable state statutes a law enforcement officer to serve as the police-school liaison officer in the District. The Sheriff shall do the selection of the officer. The County shall assume all obligations and payments with regard to officer salaries and benefits including workers compensation, PERA, withholding taxes, etc. The District will reimburse the county as defined in section nine of this contract.

3) TERM OF CONTRACT:

The term of this contract will be from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, unless terminated by either party as defined in this contract. The Sheriff will provide the district 1600 hours of service during the school calendar year. These hours will include pre-school year and post-school year preparation time for the school liaison deputy.

4) ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

Law enforcement services rendered to the District shall be at the sole direction of the Sheriff. Standards of performance, discipline of the deputy assigned and other internal matters, shall be under the authority of the Sheriff. The District shall provide the County with an appraisal of the services received.

The District shall not assume any liability for acts of the Sheriff's personnel hired in performance of their duties, and any law enforcement personnel hired under the terms of this agreement shall be

deemed to be County employees, and the County shall hold the District harmless for any claim for damages resulting from their employment that may accrue to the District.

5) LEVEL OF SERVICE:

The deputy will respond to emergency calls within the County when necessary, and will attend police training and special duties as assigned by the Sheriff while fulfilling the requirements of this contract. This may include the officer's time off for vacation, sick leave, required or approved duty time off.

The deputy assigned will inform the District/School Principals when he/she will be absent from the District due to vacations, time off, training or special duties.

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6) DUTIES OF DEPUTY:

The list of basic duties as outlined in section 1 of this Agreement shall be cooperatively reviewed between the Sheriff and the District.

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The County shall provide required clothing, uniforms, vehicle, necessary equipment and supplies for the deputy to perform law enforcement duties.

The District shall provide the deputy with a private lockable office, telephone, and computer with e-mail access, and supplies necessary for the deputy to perform required duties.

8) SCHOOL CALENDAR:

The District shall provide the Sheriff with a school calendar.

9) DURATION AND COST:

The District shall pay the County for services in accordance with the terms of this contract.

Salaries 2023-2024 School Year: The average Deputy Sheriff's salary and benefit rate will be \$51.96 per hour. The deputy will work an average of 1,600 hours during the term of this contract, and the District agrees to pay the County for 60% of the 1,600 hours.

The District agrees to pay the County \$49,882.00 for the Sheriff's School Liaison Services for the 2023-2024 School Year.

The payments to the County shall be:

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The District may terminate this agreement on or before December 31 of each year for the upcoming school year upon written notice of termination. The Sheriff may terminate this agreement at anytime upon one hundred-eighty (180) days written notice of such termination. In the event of termination by either party all payments due hereunder shall be prorated.

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In the event that the District is unable to secure the Safe School Fund/Safety Levy used to fund this position, all parties would reopen negotiations concerning this contract.

12) IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District adopted by its governing body, caused this agreement to be signed by its Superintendent and attested by its School Board Chairperson, and by the County of Goodhue, by order of its Board of County Commissioners, has caused these presents to be subscribed by the Chairman of the Board and the seal of said Board to be affixed thereto and attested by the Goodhue County Administrator, and the Goodhue County Sheriff has signed this agreement.

ATTEST:

ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Angie Medeluff
Chairperson
Zumbrota-Mazeppa
School Board

Michael Harvey
Superintendent of School

2-27-2023
Date

2-28-23
Date

ATTEST:

GOODHUE COUNTY

County Administrator

Chairman
Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

Date

Date

M. Kelly

4-12-23

**Contract for Police-School Liaison Officer
Between The
Goodhue County Sheriff's Office
And
The Pine Island School District 255**

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ATTEST:

PINE ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT



Chairperson
Pine Island
School Board



Superintendent of School

2/9/23
Date

2/09/23
Date

ATTEST:

GOODHUE COUNTY

County Administrator

Chairman
Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

Date

Date



4.12-23

| | GCSO Zumbrota & Pine Island School | RWPD Red Wing School | Dodge County Triton/Hayfield Schools | Kasson PD Kasson-Mantorville School | Olmsted Co SO City of Eyota Dover-Eyota School | Olmsted Co SO City of Byron Byron School | Lake City PD Lake City School |
|---------------------|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| Contract Time Frame | 7/1/23-6/30/26 | 7/1/22-6/30/25 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 7/1/22-6/30/24 | 1/1/22-12/31/23 | 1/1/22-12/31/23 | 7/1/21-6/30/23 |
| # of Years | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

2022-2023

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|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Calculation | Salary Only | Salary & Benefits | Not specified | Salary & Benefits | Salary & Benefits | Salary & Benefits | Salary & Benefits |
| % of School Portion | 60% | 60% | 40% | 60% | 26.58% | 60% | 37.5% |
| % of County/City | 40% | 40% | 60% | 40% | 73.42% | 40% | 62.5% |
| School Amount | \$ 49,123 | \$ 72,686 | \$ 28,602 | \$ 75,000 | \$ 32,947 | \$ 74,373 | \$ 45,600 |
| County/City Amount | \$ 32,749 | \$ 48,467 | \$ 71,505 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 91,007 | \$ 49,581 | \$ 76,001 |
| Total | \$ 81,872 | \$ 121,153 | \$ 100,107 | \$ 125,000 | \$ 123,954 | \$ 123,954 | \$ 121,601 |

2023-2024

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| Calculation | Salary Only | Salary & Benefits | No contract yet | Salary & Benefits | Salary & Benefits | Salary & Benefits | No contract yet |
| % of School Portion | 60% | 60% | | 60% | 26.58% | 60% | |
| % of County/City | 40% | 40% | | 40% | 73.42% | 40% | |
| School Amount | \$ 49,882 | \$ 77,753 | | \$ 78,000 | \$ 32,947 | \$ 74,373 | |
| City/County Amount | \$ 33,254 | \$ 51,835 | | \$ 52,000 | \$ 91,007 | \$ 49,581 | |
| Total | \$ 83,136 | \$ 129,588 | | \$ 130,000 | \$ 123,954 | \$ 123,954 | |

2024-2025

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| Calculation | Salary Only | Salary & Benefits | No contract yet | No contract yet | No contract yet | No contract yet | No contract yet |
| % of School Portion | 60% | 60% | | | | | |
| % of City/County Portion | 40% | 40% | | | | | |
| School Amount | \$ 55,373 | \$ 83,196 | | | | | |
| City/County Amount | \$ 36,915 | \$ 55,464 | | | | | |
| Total | \$ 92,288 | \$ 138,660 | | | | | |

2025-2026

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| Calculation | Salary Only | No contract yet | No contract yet | No contract yet | No contract yet | No contract yet | No contract yet |
| % of School Portion | 60% | | | | | | |
| % of City/County Portion | 40% | | | | | | |
| School Amount | \$ 61,469 | | | | | | |
| City/County Amount | \$ 40,979 | | | | | | |
| Total | \$ 102,448 | | | | | | |

| County | Does your county employ school resource officers for your local schools? | Does a city in your county employ school resource officers? | If your county employs school resource officers, how many? Please skip if your county does not employ officer(s). | What percentage of the cost does your local school pay for the officer(s)? Please skip if your county does not employ officer(s). | Does the county pay for the time while school is off? Please skip if your county does not employ officer(s). | What benefits does your county receive by having school resource officers in your schools? Please skip if your county does not employ officer(s). | Final comments about school resource officers or considerations your county has made about the issue. |
|------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Dodge | Yes | Yes | 1 - 2 schools | Probably equates to .75 FTE as officer works regular shifts in the summer. | Yes | Externalities of community outreach. | |
| Brown | No | Yes | | | | | New Ulm has a school resource officer. I am unaware of the agreement between the school and the City. I do not believe other School Districts have a resource officer arrangement. |
| Polk | No | Yes | | | | | |
| Watonwan | No | No | | | | | |
| Chippewa | No | No | | 0 | | | The Montevideo School District just ended their contract with the City of Montevideo for the school resource officer. We are monitoring if the County will be asked to provide services now that the MACCRAY School District only has facilities in Chippewa County and in a town where there is no local PD. |
| Steele | Yes | No | | 1 10% | Yes | SRO doubles as road deputy during off times | |
| Benton | No | Yes | | | | | |
| Le Sueur County | No | Yes | | | | | |
| Anoka County | Yes | Yes | | The County does not pay for the school resource officers. They are paid through a combination of the City where the schools are and the school district that the school is a part of. | No. The deputies during non-school time are dedicated to working on other school events or to the city where the school is. | These would be the same benefits that are realized by any city that utilizes school resource officers... An additional layer of security in schools, the ability for students, staff, and visitors to interact with the officers for professional reasons, but also to have prolonged visibility of and contact with the officers so they can be seen as ordinary human beings, not just police officers. These factors, among other efforts, can help to enhance the image and build trust of the agency and the profession over time. | Our school resource officers are in schools where the ACSO provides contract law enforcement services to that city. We don't have school resource officers in schools where that city has their own police department. |
| Renville | No | Not sure | | | | | |
| Rice County | No | Not sure | | | | | |
| Douglas | Yes | Not sure | | 1 | 0 Yes | PR | |
| Dakota | Yes | Not sure | | 75% (equal to 9 month school year) of total cost including vehicle etc | 3 Yes (25%) | We believe it meets a need in the schools and helps build positive relations between the Sheriff's staff and students/families. | Not all of our schools have decided to maintain SRO's, but for those where they have, we think the relationship continues to work well for everyone. As a county we like the idea of law enforcement officers in the schools and building relationships. We are not happy at times about the expectation to criminalize behaviors that we think need alternative approaches. Law enforcement can sachet things from discipline to criminal. The courts are too clogged to be used for school based behaviors. |
| Mower | No | Yes | | | | | |
| Kandiyohi County | Yes | Yes | | 1 100% during school year only | yes | PR with school and students | |
| Nicollet | No | Not sure | | | | | |
| Nobles | No | Yes | | | | | The City of Worthington within Nobles County offers their ISD 518 a resource officer. I'm not aware of funding arrangements. |
| Goodhue County | Yes | Yes | | 2 | 40 Yes | Relationships with Kids, Crime prevention, additional response outside of school, relationship to work on worker shooter etc. | |
| Aitkin | Yes | No | 1 officer at 1 school | None at this time. May change in the future. | He's a regular deputy so would do other work. | Safer schools. | Partially grant funded. Board may not approve later when grant expires. |

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| Pine | Yes | No | 3 deputies--two districts have an SRO and two districts share an SRO. we contract for a total of 90 hours per week during the school year. | 67% for the hours worked at the school | Yes | Positive interaction with youth/good relationship with school districts/more effective response | It is working well for the school districts and the county. |
| Jackson | Yes | No | | 1 50% | We pay 50% of the total annual cost | Program is 1.5 years old. Been well received by schools. Kids become familiar with law enforcement in a positive way. Helps with truancy. Possible social cost savings. Teachers feel safer. Also give the Sheriff another licenced officer available to fill shifts and respond to larger scale events. | We have had an officer for 1.5 years and had positive feedback from the schools that participate. |
| Ramsey County | No | Yes | | | | | Ramsey County employs a team of 10 community ambassadors that are part of a violence prevention initiative. The ambassadors do work with schools as part of the schools-based violence reduction work, so there are county-school district partnerships that exist outside of resource officers specifically. The program is called Healing Streets and I can share more upon request. |
| Morrison | No | No | | | | | |
| Chisago County | Yes | Yes | | •The local school pays for 550 hours (26%) for service between September 1st through May 31st at our yearly police protection contract rate. (The city (Rush City) also pays for 550 hours (26%) of service between Sept 1st – May 31st in support of the SRO). The SRO is assigned to the school for a total of 1100 hours during the school 1 calendar year. | •The County pays for the remaining 980 hours while the Deputy is not assigned to the school or school is not in session. The SRO Deputy is reassigned to the Patrol Division during this period. | •A primary benefit of having an SRO is the immediate response and prevention of school-based crimes. Without the onsite SRO, County deputies would be responding to the school to handle emergency calls or pending investigations, drawing on unincorporated County resources. An SRO also improves interpersonal relationships with students and faculty by fostering positive interactions while providing a safe school environment. | |
| Redwood | No | Yes | | | | | |
| Kanabec | Yes | No | 1 SRO split between 2 school districts | Currently 100%. We used to split the expenses with the schools but currently the County funds 100%. | Yes, the SRO goes back to regular deputy duties during the time school is off. | Improved relationships with at-risk students & families, improved relationships with the school officials | We are currently funding the SRO with ARPA dollars. When ARPA funds are done, the schools will have to fund a certain percentage or the program will be discontinued and the deputy will resume regular deputy duties. |
| Otter Tail | No | No | | | | | OTC has not discussed school resource officers. |
| Mille Lacs | Yes | Not sure | | 1 70% (Approximate) | No | Available for assistance in emergency situations and in the summer to assist in coverage for vacations | One city had employed an SRO. The school in question decided to no longer fund the position; we've attempted to work out an arrangement with them for an SRO, covering approximately 70% of the cost, but they have not had the budget or interest. |
| Crow Wing | No | Yes | | | | | |
| Blue Earth | No | Yes | | | | | |
| Faribault | Yes | Yes | 1 at 0.75 FTE for school and 0.25 FTE as a road deputy | 75% of our lowest paid sheriff's deputy | Yes, but they typically work as a road deputy when school is off. | Increased road deputy time with a veteran officer is a benefit especially when part-time deputies are scarce. Any time we can have an extra deputy in the county it is an added benefit. | It seems to be working well both for the county and for the school district. |

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| Pope County | Yes | Yes | 1 | Approximately 50% | Yes, the school only pays for the portion of school days. | Public Safety, Public Relations | Contract relies on school's use of grant money to pay their portion of the position. Resource officer is at grades 4-12 building of the consolidated school district that comprises most of the territory of the County, where this building lies outside any city limits, which is why the County is the agency partner here. |
| Meeker | Yes | Yes | 1 - however, this is new for the 2023 budget so it hasn't been filled yet | 0% - this was a major point of discussion and the Board ultimately decided to grant the Sheriff's request despite the lack of school funding | Yes | It was sold to the Board as creating closer relationships with troubled students and being able to address situations more proactively. We already have a deputy being regularly called to address issues in the schools. | The Board has been very supportive of this idea; however, the main contention has been the school districts have expressed an inability to fund. |