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MARCH 5, 2024
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School Resource Officer (SRO) Contracts

Documents:

[GC SRO 2024.pdf](#)



Goodhue County Sheriff's Office SRO Program

Sheriff Marty Kelly

What is a SRO

- School resource officers (SROs) are deputies who work in schools. They collaborate with school administrators, security staff, and faculty to ensure schools are safe places for students to learn.
- SROs are not meant to be an armed security presence, scaring kids into behaving, but rather educators, informal counselors, and law enforcement officers, who are part of the schools in which they serve. At each school, the SRO becomes a dependable, appreciated member of the administration who kids look to for advice, support, and safety.

Why SRO's are important

SROs stop many threats that may occur and act as a crime and violence deterrent. They gather a large amount of information from kids who have no problem telling the SRO if something is up, whether it's about drugs or fighting or violence of any kind. They can do this in conversation without it being obvious. SRO's can also see if something appears suspicious and keep an eye out for developments.

This open communication creates a safe, non-threatening school environment. If the SRO were not there, the chance a student would report any information is reduced because it is unlikely a student will call the police on their own or be seen going to the administrator's office to report information.



Goals and Responsibilities of SRO's

The main goal of the SRO is to prevent juvenile delinquency by promoting relations between youth and law enforcement. The SRO position encompasses three major components allowing the SRO to achieve this goal - law enforcement, education, and counseling.

History of Goodhue County SRO's

- The SRO program in Goodhue County was initially funded by one-time federal grant dollars.
- 2000-2024 Pine Island Schools
- 2000-2021 Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools
- 2021-2024 Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools

Facts.

- Researchers at Carleton University conducted a two-year study of an SRO program. In their report, they concluded that for every dollar invested in the program, a minimum of \$11.13 of social and economic value was created. The report lists numerous benefits of the program, including:
 - Prevention or minimization of property damage in the school and surrounding areas.
 - Prevention of student injuries and even death due to violence, drug overdoses, etc.
 - Reduction of the need for schools to call 911.
 - Reduction of the likelihood that a student will get a criminal record.
 - Increase of the likelihood that students (particularly those with mental health issues) will get the help they need from the social service and health care systems.
 - Increase in feelings of safety among students and staff.
 - <https://www.nasro.org/faq/>



Options for School Contract Rates

Options for School Contract Rates - 2024/2025

	Year	Hourly Rate	# of Hours	Total Amount	County Portion	School Portion	County Amount	School Amount	
Current Contract 2023/2024	2023/2024	\$51.96	1,600	\$ 83,136	40%	60%	\$ 33,254	\$ 49,882	
Options for 2024/2025 School Year									
Option 1	Current Rate Method - Stick with the same calculation as 2023/2024, but add a 2.4% increase for salary/benefits. Schools will pay 60% of the total, similar to the current methodology.								
	2024/2025	\$53.19	1,600	\$ 85,104	40%	60%	\$ 34,042	\$ 51,062	
Option 2	Policing Contract Rate Method - Full rate as figured out with the policing contract and schools will pay 100%								
	7/1/24-12/31/24	\$71.03	680	\$ 48,300	0%	100%	\$ -	\$ 48,300	
	1/1/25-6/30/25	\$87.46	920	\$ 80,463	0%	100%	\$ -	\$ 80,463	
	Total 2024/2025		1,600	\$ 128,764				\$128,764	



Assumption to Continue Services in Goodhue County School Districts

Assumption 1						
Revenue						
Zumbrota and Pine Island School Contract Revenue Loss						\$ 102,124
(this revenue is figured with the current rate method)						
Expense						
Our request upon board approval would be to transition SRO positions to Juvenile deputies in the community and schools.						\$ -
Total Decrease to Budget						\$ (102,124)

Assumption to Continue Services in Goodhue County School Districts (2)

Assumption 2						
<u>Revenue</u>						
Loss of Revenue from one School District					\$	51,062
(this revenue is figured with the current rate method)						
<u>Expense</u>						
Our request upon board approval would be to transistion					\$	-
SRO positions to juvenile deputies in the community and						
schools.						
Total Decrease to Budget					\$	(51,062)



If a SRO contract is not renewed the position of Juvenile Officer would be created.

Juvenile Officer duties would include:

Investigation of crimes that involve juveniles victims that may include, but not limited to:

- Bullying/harassment in person or via social media
- Sexual assaults
- Sextortion
- Drug crimes within school settings.

Juvenile Officer duties (Cont)

Educational

- DARE Program
- Intro to Criminal Justice Course taught in local High Schools
- Coordinate with Schools on campus security
- Social Media awareness trainings