



AGENDA ITEM #: 18-111
COUNCIL MTG OF: September 18, 2018
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
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SUBJECT: Execute School Resource Officer Agreement with Pinkerton Academy

STAFF REPORT
Public Hearing 10-2-18

PURPOSE

To grant authority to the Town Administrator to execute a new School Resource Officer Agreement between the Town and Pinkerton Academy.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The Council is urged to adopt Resolution #2018-055, which will allow the Town to prepare to staff two SROs at Pinkerton and fund additional resources within the Department without impacting the tax rate.

BACKGROUND

Since 1999 the Town has provided a School Resource Officer to Pinkerton Academy. The Town and Pinkerton Academy wish to augment the SRO program by adding an additional officer. Given the fiscal constraints involved and after much discussion, the Town and Pinkerton have developed a new SRO agreement that allows for the assignment of two School Resource Officers to the Academy. The agreement stipulates that Pinkerton Academy will provide payments to the Town that create a revenue stream to the Town. The revenue stream will compensate the town for the full costs of both officers assigned to the Academy.

DISCUSSION

Execution of the new agreement will accomplish the mutual goal of increasing the staff assigned to the Academy and allow the town to hire two additional officers without affecting the tax rate. One of the additional officers would be assigned as an additional SRO at the Academy and the other would be assigned to investigate cybercrime issues.

FISCAL IMPACT

Both parties have agreed that, due to the calendar and current staffing levels within the Police Department, the 2018-2019 school year will be a transition year for the program. Specifically, the Town will assign one f-t SRO to Pinkerton and anticipates assigning a second SRO for approximately 60 days of the school year. The anticipated reimbursement for Pinkerton for 2018-2019 is \$149,720 for FY19, which is sufficient for the Town to hire two officers during FY19.

Beginning in FY20, it is anticipated that the Town will assign two personnel to Pinkerton throughout the 2019-2020 school year, which will generate \$224,800 in reimbursement from Pinkerton, sufficient to cover all related wages and expenses for two police officers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

See Resolution #2018-054

RECOMMENDED MOTION

See attached Resolution #2018-054

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