



FARMINGTON SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

This Agreement is made, this 13th day of September, 2013, by and between the SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FARMINGTON (hereinafter "School District"), and the TOWN OF FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT (hereinafter "Police Department:") as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Police Department agrees to provide the School District a School Resources Officer (SRO) Program in the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District and the Police Department desire to set forth in this SRO Agreement the specific terms and conditions of the services to be performed and provided by the SRO in the School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Cost of the SRO Program

A. The cost of the SRO Program shall be paid by the Police Department.

2. Employment of School Resource Officers

A. The SRO shall be employees of the Police Department and shall be subject to the administration, supervision and control of the Police Department.

B. The SRO shall be subject to all personnel policies and practices of the Police Department except as such policies or practices may be modified by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

C. The Police Department, in its sole discretion, shall have the power and authority to hire, discharge, and discipline SROs.

D. A joint committee composed of representatives of the Police Department and the School District shall make recommendations for the SRO position to the Chief of Police who shall assign such officer. If a principal is dissatisfied with an SRO who has been assigned to that principal's school, then that principal may request that the Chief of Police assign a different officer as the SRO for that school.

- E. One SRO shall be assigned to Farmington High School with the understanding that periodic security reviews may recommend additional personnel or support.

3. Duty Hours

- A. SRO duty hours shall be determined by the Police Department. Whenever possible, it is the intent of the parties that the SRO's duty hours shall conform to the school day.
- B. It is understood and agreed that time spent by SROs attending municipal court, juvenile court, and/or criminal cases arising from and/or out of their employment as an SRO shall be considered as hours worked under this Agreement.
- C. In the event an SRO is absent from work, the SRO shall notify his or her supervisor in the Police Department and the principal of the school to which the SRO is assigned. The Police Department will assign another SRO qualified officer, if available, to substitute for the SRO who is absent.

4. Term of Agreement

The initial term of this Agreement is for one year commencing on the 1st day of July, 2013, and ending on the 30th day of June, 2014. Following the initial term, this agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive one-year periods unless either party requests termination or modification of this agreement. This request will be made in writing.

5. Duties of School Resource Officers

The SRO's duties will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. To be an extension of the principal's office for assignments consistent with this Agreement.
- B. To be a visible, active law enforcement figure on campus dealing with law enforcement matters and school code violations originating on the assigned campus.
- C. To act as the designee of the campus administrator in maintaining the physical plant of the assigned campus to provide a safe environment as to law enforcement matters and school code violations. This includes building(s), grounds, parking lot(s), lockers and other public school property.
- D. To provide a classroom resource for law education using approved materials.
- E. To be a resource for students which will enable them to be associated with a law enforcement figure in the students' environment.

- F. To be a resource for teachers, parents and students for conferences on an individual basis dealing with individual problems or questions, particularly in the area of substance control.
- G. To make appearances before site councils, parent groups, and other groups associated with the campus and as a speaker on a variety of requested topics, particularly drug and alcohol abuse.
- H. The SRO will not be involved in ordinary school discipline, UNLESS it pertains to preventing a potential disruption and/or climate that places students at risk of harm. Disciplining students is a School District responsibility, and only when the principal and the SRO agree that the SRO's assistance is needed to maintain a safe and proper school environment would the principal request SRO involvement.
- I. If the principal believes that in a given situation or incident there is a law violation, the principal may request SRO involvement.
- J. It will be the responsibility of the SRO to report all crimes originating on campus. Information on cases that are worked off-campus by the Police Department or other agencies involving students will be provided to the SRO, but the SRO will not normally be actively involved in off-campus investigation(s).
- K. The SRO will coordinate his/her actions with the administrator for law enforcement cases.
- L. In accordance with school district policy, all local law enforcement and state agencies requesting to conduct formal police interviews, interrogations, and arrests of any student should be referred to the campus principal.
- M. The SRO will be familiar with helpful community agencies, such as mental health clinics, drug treatment centers, etc., that offer assistance to dependency- and delinquency-prone youths and their families. Referrals will be made when necessary.
- N. The SRO and the principal will develop plans and strategies to prevent and/or minimize dangerous situations, which might result in student unrest.
- O. The SRO will coordinate all of his/her activities with the principal and staff members concerned and will seek permission, guidance, and advice prior to enacting any programs within the school.
- P. The SRO is first and foremost a law enforcement officer. This fact must be constantly reinforced.
- Q. The SRO may be asked to provide community wide crime prevention presentations that include, but are not limited to:

Drugs and the law – Adult and juvenile;
Alcohol and the law – Adult and juvenile;
Sexual assault prevention;
Safety programs – Adult and juvenile;
Assistance in other crime prevention programs as assigned.

- R. The SROs will wear the authorized police uniform of the day. Formal business attire or business casual with appropriate logos and name badges may be authorized by the SRO's supervisor depending on the type of school activity or program and the requests of the school and/or police department. The Chief of Police and the principal shall jointly set expectations and resolve any disputes in this area.
- S. The SROs will wear their department authorized duty weapons in accordance with department policy.

6. Chain of Command

- A. As an employee of the Police Department, the SRO will be subject to the chain of command of the Police Department.
- B. In the performance of their duties, SROs shall coordinate and communicate with the principal or the principals' designee of the school to which they are assigned.

7. Transporting Students

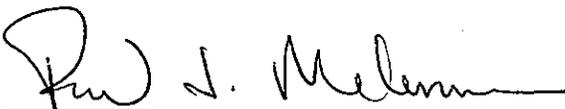
- A. SROs shall not transport students in Police Department vehicles except:
 - (1) When the students are victims of a crime, under arrest, or some other emergency circumstances exist; and
 - (2) When students are suspended and/or sent home from school pursuant to school disciplinary actions, if the student's parent or guardian has refused or is unable to pick up the child within a reasonable time period and the student is disruptive/disorderly and his/her continued presence on campus is a threat to the safety and welfare of other students and school personnel.
 - (3) When the student is an enrolled Police Explorer with the department for the purposes of a Police Explorer activity.
- B. Students shall not be transported to any location unless it is determined that the student's parent, guardian or custodian is at the destination to which the student is being transported. SROs shall not transport students in their personal vehicles.
- C. SROs shall notify school personnel upon removing a student from campus.

8. **Access to Education Records**

- A. The SRO/Police and school administrators/BOE will share information/records maintained by both agencies to the extent allowed by law.
- B. In accordance with FERPA requirements, if some information in a student's record is needed in an emergency to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals, school officials may disclose to the SRO that information which is needed to respond to the emergency situation based on the seriousness of the threat to someone's health or safety; the need of the information to meet the emergency situation and the extent to which time is of the essence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first written above.

By: 
Kathleen C. Greider, Superintendent of Schools

By: 
Paul J. Melanson, Chief of Police