



Apache Junction Police Department Memorandum



DATE: February 25, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Thomas E. Kelly, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 20-06: IGA with City of Apache Junction
and Apache Trail High School

Apache Junction Police Department (AJPD) has been asked to partner with Apache Trail High School (ATHS) in providing them with a school resource officer (SRO) with the position being filled by an AJPD sworn police officer. The position will be 100% funded (salary and benefits) by a grant secured by ATHS for 3.5 years. ATHS has committed to pay for any training the officer will need in order to fulfill the requirements of the grant and ATHS has expressed its desire to go beyond the 3.5 year commitment should it locate additional funding.

Resolution No. 20-06 which includes an intergovernmental agreement between the City and ATHS. AJPD requests council approval of this partnership. The assigned officer would perform the following:

- provide law enforcement and police services to the students, administration, campus and the areas in the immediate proximity to the school, will take reports, investigate criminal incidents and enforce state and city ordinances.
- regularly patrol the campus to deter criminal or delinquent activities; monitor uniform crime reporting statistics (UCR) and act as a liaison between AJPD and ATHS.
- develop and foster a partnership with ATHS administrators in order to create a secure and safe learning environment for students; assist school administrators to enforce their own policies and procedures; protect school administrators while weapons and/or illegal drug searches are conducted.
- be present in situations where a student's emotional state may present a risk to other students and staff members; and work in tandem with school administrators in emergency crisis planning and facility security.
- be a highly visible participant within the school community by planning, regularly

attending and participating in school-related events and functions; and build working relationships with the school's staff and parent/teacher organizations.

- develop and teach classes with an emphasis on the positive role of police officers in society and other law-related education topics;
- work with academic advisors and behavioral coaches in providing outside agency student services.
- interact with students in the classroom and in the common areas with the intention of promoting law enforcement as a profession and to serve as a positive role model to students.