

**City of Palmer
Resolution No. 23-028**

Subject: Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate Funds from the Matanuska Susitna Borough School District for a School Resource Officer at Colony High School and Colony Middle School and to Fill the Patrol Officer Vacancy Created by Assigning an SRO to Colony High School

Agenda of: September 12, 2023

Council Action: ☒ **Approved** ☐ **Amended:** _____
 ☐ **Defeated**

Originator Information:

Originator: John Moosey, City Manager

Department Review:

Route to:	Department Director:	Signature:	Date:
_____	Community Development	_____	_____
_____	Finance	_____	_____
_____	Fire	_____	_____
_____	Police	_____	_____
_____	Public Works	_____	_____

Certification of Funds:

Total amount of funds listed in this legislation: \$ **92,838 (July 1 – December 31, 2023)**

This legislation (✓):


<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Creates revenue in the amount of:	\$ <u>69,628</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Creates expenditure in the amount of:	\$ <u>92,838</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creates a saving in the amount of:	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Has no fiscal impact	

Funds are (✓):

<input type="checkbox"/> Budgeted	Line item(s):	<u>52-01-82-6011 – 52-01-82-6044 SRO Colony Schools \$69,628 (75%)</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not budgeted		<u>01-12-10-6011 – 01-12-10-6044 Police Department \$23,210 (25%)</u>

Director of Finance Signature: 

Approved for Presentation By:

	Signature:	Remarks:
City Manager	<u></u>	_____
City Attorney	_____	_____
City Clerk	_____	_____

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 23-028
2. MSBSD and PPD SRO Agreement 7-1-23 to 6-30-28

Summary Statement/Background:

Palmer City Council approved AM 23-024 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for a five-year contract for a Student Resource Officer at Colony High School and Colony Middle School on June 11, 2023.

The Matanuska Susitna Borough School District (MSBSD) presented a contract for the School Resource Officer at Colony High School and Colony Middle School. The agreement is to start July 1, 2023, and be in place until June 30, 2028.

Palmer Police assigned a Patrol Officer to Colony High School as a School Resource Officer. This assignment will leave a vacancy on patrol.

To maintain current staffing levels and shift coverage the patrol officer vacancy created by this assignment will need to be filled.

The patrol officer vacancy is budgeted in the current budget. The SRO contract includes the School District paying for 75% of all costs including salary, training, equipment, and administration. The City would need to cover the 25% of the SRO officers as part of the contract. The additional 25% of salary, benefits, travel, training, fuel, supplies, and equipment the City will need to cover for the next five years is an average annual cost of \$50,000.

During the summer and times when school is not in session, the Palmer Police Department, and the City benefit by having the SRO working on patrol, investigations, bike patrol and other assignments.

Administration's Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 23-028.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Introduced by: Manager Moosey
Date: September 12, 2023
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

Yes:

No:

Carrington
Best
Ojala
Anzilotti

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA**Resolution No. 23-028****A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate Funds from the Matanuska Susitna Borough School District for a School Resource Officer at Colony High School and Colony Middle School and to Fill the Patrol Officer Vacancy Created by Assigning an SRO to Colony High School**

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff are of utmost importance to the Matanuska Susitna Borough School District and the Palmer Police Department; and

WHEREAS, a safe and secure learning environment is essential for the academic and personal growth of our students, promoting a positive school culture and fostering a sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a dedicated School Resource Officer (SRO) within the Matanuska Susitna Borough School District can help to maintain a safe learning atmosphere and provide valuable resources to school staff members in addressing potential safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, SROs are specifically trained to work within school settings, building positive relationships with students, and serving as mentors and role models, which can help to strengthen trust and communication between students and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between the Matanuska Susitna Borough School District and the Palmer Police Department in implementing an SRO program can lead to a more comprehensive approach to addressing safety concerns, preventing crime, and fostering a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, an SRO program can contribute to the early identification and intervention of at-risk students, helping to address behavioral and mental health issues, and connecting students with appropriate resources and support; and

WHEREAS, the presence of an SRO can facilitate quick and efficient responses to emergency situations, potentially preventing harm to students and staff, and ensuring the overall safety of the school; and

WHEREAS, assigning a patrol officer to Colony High School as an SRO creates a vacancy on patrol; and


WHEREAS, it is necessary to fill the vacancy created on patrol in order to maintain current staffing levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palmer City Council of the Matanuska Susitna Borough School District, in collaboration with the Palmer Police Department, supports the implementation of a School Resource Officer program, with the intent of enhancing the safety, well-being, and academic success of our

students, and fostering a strong and positive relationship between the community, school district, and law enforcement.

Approved by the Palmer City Council this 12th day of September 2023.


Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk


Steven J. Carrington, Mayor

