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MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of Commissioners (BCC)
Gary Schmidt, County Administrator

FROM: Angela Brandenburg, Sheriff

RE: Presentation on CCSO School Resource Officer Program

DATE: October 14, 2025

REQUEST: Informational sharing only.

BACKGROUND: The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office has five patrol deputies assigned duties as School Resource Officers (SRO). Their primary responsibility is to their assigned high school and the middle schools that feed into that high school.

There are three SROs for the North Clackamas School District assigned to each of the high schools within the jurisdiction of CCSO: Clackamas High School, Adrienne C. Nelson High School and Rex Putnam High School. There is one SRO for the Estacada School district assigned to Estacada High School and one SRO for the West Linn/Wilsonville School District assigned to Wilsonville High School.

The primary responsibility of the SRO is for the safety of the students and personnel at the school. SROs respond to calls for service within the schools, act as councilors and trusted adults for students to make reports and share information, teach classes, enforce traffic laws near the schools, and follow-up on calls for service that happen outside of the schools that involve their students.

SROs work closely with school administrators to find solutions that have the best possible outcome for all involved, including the youth perpetrator. The goal is to provide an appropriate level of discipline, considering the history of the youth, school performance, danger (or lack thereof) to the community. An outcome may not involve the criminal justice system if appropriate.

SROs are active participants on the Clackamas County Student Behavioral Safety Assessment Team (BSA) with their school district teams. The BSA Team is a collaborative effort among school

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districts, law enforcement, mental health services, and juvenile justice to respond to students who may pose a threat of violence. The primary goal is to promote a safe school environment by providing a systematic response, reducing risk, and ensuring support for students in a way that is culturally sensitive and minimizes trauma.

Funding

SRO services are provided through contracts with the North Clackamas School District (NCSD), and the cities of Estacada and Wilsonville. When school is not in session, the city SROs return to city patrol assignments and the NCSD SROs are assigned to the CCSO Investigations Division.

SRO Recruitment

In 2021, the Sheriff's Office introduced a new recruitment model for our SRO Program by offering the incentive to patrol deputies to be assigned to the Investigations Division when school was not in session. Generally, a deputy must successfully pass a Detective Exam and then wait to be promoted to Detective when there is an opening in the Investigations Division. The SRO program now offers a patrol deputy the opportunity to work alongside a detective to gain valuable experience before taking the exam. Since the start of the program, several deputies have successfully passed the exam and been promoted to Detective. Prior to the new recruitment model, few patrol deputies applied to be SROs. Since then, we have had an ample candidate pool to select from for this important work.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A information only

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Brandenburg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Brandenburg
Sheriff