



**Item:** School Resource Officer Services Agreement with the Great Falls Public School District

**From:** Chief Bowen

**Initiated By:** Chief Bowen

**Presented By:** Chief Bowen

**Action Requested:** Approve the Agreement

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission (approve/not approve) the School Resource Officer Services Agreement with the Great Falls Public School District for the 2013/2014 school year and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls the vote.
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**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the City Commission accept the terms of the agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

**Background:** The Great Falls Public School District and the Police Department have had a partnership for over seventeen years where the Police Department has provided the School District police services on a contract basis. This year is a continuation of the ongoing partnership where the Police Department has agreed to provide four confirmed police officers and equipment necessary to provide school resource officer services. The School District has agreed to pay the city quarterly for the cost of these services as detailed in the agreement. SRO’s fulfill an important role at the schools and the current staffing of four officers is required to meet the workload.

**Fiscal Impact:** The school district will be billed quarterly in the amount of Sixty-three Thousand Sixty-three dollars and Seven Cents (\$63,063.07) for a total amount of Two Hundred Fifty-two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Twenty Eight Cents (\$252,252.28). Quarterly payments will be due by September 30, 2013; December 31, 2013; March 31, 2014 and on or before June 30, 2014.

**Alternatives:** The City Commission could vote to deny the contract.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Agreement

ATTENDANCE/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER  
AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013 by and between the City of Great Falls, a municipal corporation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as "City"; and School District Number 1 and A, hereinafter referred to as "District";

WHEREAS, District desires the services of the City's Police Department for one hundred eighty-seven (187) days to enforce compulsory attendance provisions of Title Twenty, Chapter Five, Part One MCA; and

NOW THEREFORE, the parties mutually covenant and agree as follows:

The City does hereby agree to provide District with four confirmed Police Officers and equipment necessary to provide school resource officer services. In consideration, District shall pay the City quarterly installments in the amount of **Sixty-three Thousand Sixty-three dollars and Seven Cents (\$63,063.07)** for a total amount of **Two Hundred Fifty-two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Twenty Eight Cents (\$252,252.28)**. Quarterly payments will be due by **September 30, 2013; December 31, 2013; March 31, 2014** and on or before **June 30, 2014**.

The aforesaid charges are based on a full one hundred eighty-seven (187) day school session and the same shall be adjusted on a pro rata basis to reflect any additional school days.

If the assigned Police Officers or temporary replacements are not available to the District for longer than two weeks the District payment will be pro-rated for the period of time that an officer was not available.

INDEMNIFICATION: The City shall indemnify the Great Falls School District against, and hold the Great Falls School District harmless from, any and all liability, costs, damages, claims or causes of action which may arise out of performance of this agreement by the City, its' officers and employees; provided, however, that the City, its' officers and employees shall not assume any liability for acts of the Great Falls School District, or any of its officers or employees.


**The term of this agreement shall commence on August 28, 2013 and extend through June 5, 2014.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed by the persons duly authorized on the day and year first herein above written.

EXECUTED BY:

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Greg Doyon  
City Manager  
City of Great Falls

  
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Tammy Lacey  
Superintendent  
Great Falls Public Schools

  
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David Bowen  
Chief of Police  
Great Falls Police Department

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Melissa Kinzler  
Fiscal Controller  
City of Great Falls