



# Ocala

## Legislation Text

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Department: Police

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready):**

Approve three-year agreement with the School Board of Marion County for the School Resource Officer Program with receivables of \$4,635,188

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### **OCALA'S RELEVANT STRATEGIC GOALS:**

Quality of Place.

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### **PROOF OF PUBLICATION:**

N/A

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The School Resource Officer Program assigns a School Resource Officer (SRO) to work closely with the school principal and staff to develop plans and strategies to prevent and/or minimize dangerous situations that may result in student unrest. They make referrals to community agencies for students and staff as needed as well as provide educational counseling and law enforcement as needed and desired.

Pursuant to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act (SB 7026), the School Board of Marion County and the City of Ocala have drafted an agreement to assign police officers to 16 schools to further the safety and security of students and staff.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:**

Through this agreement, the Ocala Police Department will assign one regularly employed police officer to each of the following schools: Dr. N.H. Jones Elementary School, College Park Elementary School, Eighth Street Elementary School, Madison Street Academy School, Oakcrest Elementary School, South Ocala Elementary School, Ward-Highlands Elementary School, and Wyomina Park Elementary School.

The Ocala Police Department will assign one regularly employed police officer to each of the following middle, high, and technical schools: Fort King Middle School, Hillcrest School, Howard Middle School, Marion Technical College (MTC), Marion Technical Institute (MTI), and Osceola Middle School.

The Ocala Police Department will assign two (2) regularly employed police officers to Vanguard High School

and Westport High School.

The SRO Program has been beneficial to the City of Ocala, the School Board, and students at public schools.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The School Board of Marion County will pay the City of Ocala monthly, at a rate of \$133,166.16 per month for a period of 12 months, beginning July 1, 2022, and at a rate of \$126,549.75 per month for a period of 24 months, beginning July 1, 2023. The School Board will fund the SRO Program in the amount of \$4,635,187.92 over three years. The revenue will be appropriated to revenue account #001-342-000-000-02-34215 as part of the annual budget process.

**PROCUREMENT REVIEW:**

This contract has been reviewed and approved for compliance with the City's procurement policy.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The agreement will be reviewed and approved for form and legality by the City Attorney, Robert W. Batsel, Jr.

**ALTERNATIVE:**

Deny.