

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

KEENE POLICE DEPARTMENT

and

KEENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

relative to

School Resource Officer Program

WHEREAS the undersigned parties are in agreement that a need exists for a close cooperative working relationship between the Keene Police Department and Keene High School.

WHEREAS both parties agree that a police presence in the high school in the form of a School Resource Officer would be mutually beneficial to both parties.

WHEREAS R.S.A. 193-D requires the reporting of certain crimes occurring on school grounds to be reported to the police department.

WHEREAS crimes meeting the reporting requirements, i.e., thefts, assaults, weapons in school, have occurred in or around the high school in the past.


WHEREAS it is the belief of school and police officials that the presence of a full time police officer assigned to the school will provide the school and the police department with a more effective liaison between themselves and the students.

THEREFORE it is agreed that the Keene Police Department and the Keene School District will enter into a partnership for the purposes of creating the position of School Resource Officer. This officer will be hired by the City of Keene, with the advice and consent of the Principal and/or his or her designees, and be an employee of the City of Keene. During the school year the officer will be assigned on a full time basis to the high school with the exception of mandated department training or City situations or events demanding additional police resources. The Officer will be considered a member of the staff of the high school and be responsible to the principal for day to day issues. It is understood that the SRO's normal work week shall not include responsibilities generally assigned to a Special Detail. Final authority and accountability of this officer rests with the Police Chief.


FURTHER, the Keene School District agrees to reimburse the City of Keene 75% of the cost of the School Resource Officer as determined by the Finance Director of the City of Keene and the City will incorporate the balance of the cost into the Police Department Budget.

FURTHER, it is agreed that any issues or problems arising from this program will be addressed by the Police Chief and the Principal so as to maintain the integrity of the program. If a situation should arise that the Police Chief and the Principal cannot resolve, then the Superintendent and the City Manager will be called in to assist in resolving the issue. Termination of the program should not be considered an option until all other remedies are exhausted. If a solution cannot be agree upon, then this agreement may be terminated by a written statement of intent by either party ten (10) days after receipt of said statement.

This agreement is entered into on the 15th day of November, 2007



WILLIAM GURNEY
Asst. Superintendent, S.A.U. 29



ARTHUR WALKER
Police Chief