

NEW INITIATIVES (WHITE PAPER) FY2018

** MIAMI LAKES POLICE DEPT SERVICING AS REGULAR SCHEDULED ADDITIONAL SECURITY AT OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS **

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PROPOSED BY: COUNCILMEMBER MARILYN RUANO

1. Strategic Structure

Strategic Priority (6) **modified** – Achieve National Recognition as a "Model Town" for Creativity, Education, Innovation, **and** Use of Technology, **and Safety**

New Goal (6.7) - Rank in the Top 10 (currently #26) of the Safest Cities in Florida list by 20XX on the National Council for Home Safety and Security. Improve Distribution of Traffic Flows (both spatially and timing)

New Initiative (6.7.1) - Miami Lakes Police Dept Serve as Regularly Scheduled Additional Security at our Local Schools.

2. Description & Legality

The Miami Dade Police Department (MDPD), Town of Miami Lakes (TML) Police Section, currently works in conjunction with and support of Miami Dade County Schools Police Department (MDCSPD) in their policing effort. MDCSPD has jurisdiction over all 392 Miami Dade County Public Schools. Currently, the TML police section provides traffic control and police presence at the Miami Dade County Public Schools located within the TML, for both arrival in the morning, and dismissal in the afternoon.

Option 1. Provide security for the schools in case of an emergency by stationing an officer outside of the school grounds. This officer will not be SRO trained nor it will interact with the school children throughout the day.

1.a. Permanent Assignment – Additional officer will need to be recruited for this assignment.

1.b. Temporary Assignment – The officer will be stationed until the MDCPS can station an SRO at the facility. This is consistent with the objective established by the Miami-Dade County Mayor. This assignment will probably be performed on an overtime basis. Effective April 3, 2018 through the end of the school year, TML police section will also staff one officer at Miami Lakes Middle and the K-8 for the school hours between traffic details

Option 2. Provide additional security measures coordinated through the TML, MDPD, MDCPS. Officer will be required to received SRO & CIT training prior to be allowed to interact with the school children. This is viewed as a permanent solution only, given the extent of the training.

There are no legal issues that would preclude the TML Police Section from providing additional security at the schools – outside of the schools and be able to enter in case of emergency. If the role of the TML police section were to cross in to the MDCSPD jurisdiction, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Miami Lakes and the School Board would be required.

3. Funding Source & Cost Estimates

MDCPS has indicated that they do not intent to share any of the State funding with the local municipalities for the provision of school security. General Fund revenues are eligible for public safety.

The annual cost of an officer is approximately \$125,000 per year. The cost of the temporary stop gap measures to cover the School Resource Officer state mandate at our local elementary and K-8 schools is approximately \$78/hour on overtime or approximately \$35,000 for the balance of this school year.

4. Responsible Organizational Units / Resource Requirements

TOML Police department on Special Services Units and, resource requirements TBD based on MDCSPD's needs and Town Council direction.

5. High-Level Timeline/Schedule

TBD based on MDCSPD's needs, the ability to hire accredited officers and Town Council direction.

6. Performance Tracking Measures Toward Achieving the Associated Goal

The Strategic Plan Objective most closely aligned with this initiative is (6) Achieve National Recognition as a "Model Town" for creativity, education, innovation and use of technology. Should this initiative be incorporated to the Strategic Plan, staff recommends amending the Model Town objective to include 'safety'. The revised Goal would be: (6) Achieve National Recognition as a "Model Town" for creativity, education, innovation, and use of technology and safety.

7. Identify Synergies to other Goals or Strategies

Goal 6.4 Augment Educational Tutoring and Mentoring Programs.

8. Feasible Alternative Strategies Addressing at a Minimum, Funding and Timeline, and may Provide Other Benefits of the Alternatives

Alternative solutions to address the intent of enhancing school safety could include technology solutions for advanced monitoring and prevention.

