

# CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 9077

DATE 10-8-20

TITLE

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT AND  
THE WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT** that the Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) attached hereto between the City of Williamsport and the Williamsport Area School District pertaining to the School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) program for the 2020-2021 school year is hereby approved. The appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to sign said M.O.U.

Jeanne M. Frank  
City Clerk

Approved

Donald J. Allison  
President

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA  
AND  
WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**THIS UNDERSTANDING** made this 27th day of August, 2020, by and between the CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, a city of the third class duly existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "City"), AND the WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, having a primary place of business in the City of Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania (the "School District").

**WHEREAS**, the City of Williamsport derives the majority of its general fund revenues from the property taxes paid by the citizens and businesses of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Williamsport uses these general fund revenues to provide for the public safety of all citizens and visitors within the City limits and when called upon through mutual aid to other communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williamsport Area School District encompasses the City of Williamsport, the townships of Hepburn, Woodward, Old Lycoming, Lycoming and Lewis; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and School District recognize the benefits of a School Resource Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and School District have designed and operated a School Resource Officer Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and School District recognize that estimated costs for salary and benefits relating to placing one full time School Resource Officer is \$320.50 a day, The full time SRO will work 180 days, x \$320.50 = \$57,690)

**WHEREAS**, the City and School District wish to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide support for the School Resource Officer Program.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is mutually agreed and understood between the parties as follows:

1. The City agrees to commit one fulltime SRO for a full school year (180 days), in order to staff the program for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. The Williamsport Bureau of Police and the Williamsport Area School District will cooperate to assure the suitability and performance of the SRO.
3. The Williamsport Bureau of Police and the Williamsport Area School District will cooperate to determine the location and routines of the SRO's.

4. The City and School District will equally share the costs associated with the School Resource Officer's salaries and benefits.
5. The City and School District agree that for any school day for which the full time SRO is not available, and an acceptable alternative is not available for the full day, the School District shall receive a credit of \$320.50.
6. The district will provide the City with a list of school events that they need Police coverage for throughout the school year.
7. The City and School District will jointly and continually assess the progress of the program and indicate their joint willingness to continue the program for additional years. The exceptions of the SRO's and the assessment criteria shall be as outlined in Attachment A to this memorandum.
8. Annually, the School District and the City will evaluate the program, its total costs and determine the financial contributions each entity will make should the School Resource Officer Initiative be continued. Should the SRO Initiative produce less than the desired results the City and the School District will jointly attempt to modify the program to generate improvement. If satisfactory results are not obtained, either the City or the School District may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding upon 30 days' written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding s of the date first above written.

ATTEST

James M. Frede

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT

By: Derek Slaughter  
Derek Slaughter, Mayor

By: Margaret Goodring  
City Controller

ATTEST

WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Baer.  
WASD Board President