



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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### AGENDA ITEM

**DATE:** June 23, 2015

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** School Safety Initiative (DISTRICTS: ALL)

#### **Overview**

For over the past 20 years the Sheriff's Department has provided School Resource Officers (SROs) to school districts. SROs are full-time deputies assigned to high schools; however they may also work with middle and elementary schools as needed. They act as a direct liaison between law enforcement, communities, and school districts to maintain a safe learning environment for our kids.

The Truancy Intervention Program (TIP) was originally established in 1988 as a partnership between the Juvenile Court, the Probation Department, local school districts, and the School Attendance Review Board. Since that time, the Probation Department has provided School Probation Officers (SPOs) to local school districts to work with school staff and students on truancy, delinquency, and behavior issues.

In the past several years, school districts have seen reduced state funding, which has had an impact on these programs. However, given the current stronger economic climate, the time is right to look at reinvigorating these programs to better protect our children and to provide a safer learning environment.

Today's action will direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with both the Sheriff's Department and the Probation Department to explore expanding the funding and number of SROs and SPOs for schools in the unincorporated area of the County.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

##### **SUPERVISOR BILL HORN AND SUPERVISOR DIANNE JACOB**

1. Direct the CAO to work with the Sheriff's Department to explore expanding the funding and number of Student Resource Officers for high schools in the unincorporated areas of the County and return to the board in 90 days with recommendations for implementation.

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2. Direct the CAO to work with the Probation Department to explore expanding the funding and number of School Probation Officers for K-8 schools in the unincorporated areas of the County and return to the board in 90 days with recommendations for implementation.

**Fiscal Impact**

N/A

**Business Impact Statement**

N/A

**Advisory Board Statement**

N/A

**Background**

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SROs keep campuses safe through enforcement, education, and collaboration with school administration and community partners. These officers also investigate drug and property crimes, and other criminal cases involving students and schools’ employees.

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Frequent trancies are a key indicator that a student may end up in the juvenile system. The TIP allows probation officers to intervene earlier in the process, working cooperatively with the student and their family to get them on track and back in school.

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**Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan**

Today's proposed action supports the Safe Communities Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan by protecting our students in schools through collaboration of law enforcement and school districts.

Respectfully submitted,

BILL HORN  
Chairman

DIANNE JACOB  
Supervisor, Second District

ATTACHMENT(S)  
N/A

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:**        Yes      No

**WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED**  
   Yes      No

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**  
N/A

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**  
N/A

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**  
N/A

**MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:**  
N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):**  
N/A

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Supervisor Bill Horn and Supervisor Dianne Jacob

**OTHER CONCURRENCES(S):**   N/A

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