

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 21, 2022

TO: Mayor Lankford & City Council

VIA: Mercy Rushing, City Manager

FROM: Lisa Morrison, Court Clerk

SUBJECT: Consider approval of the Amended Memorandum of Understanding between Mineola Independent School District Police Department and City of Mineola Police Department.

Council Meeting Agenda Item for July 25, 2022

Background Information:

In the past MISD police department have written citations and sent them to the county. They would like to start bringing all their citations minus truancy citations to the City to process. We will be able to keep all monies here in the City. The advantage for the MISD police department is that we will give them the portions of the fees that go toward the truancy fund line item for them to use to educate the students and families on truancy.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council approve the policy as amended.

Final Disposition:

**Mineola Independent School District Police Department
&
City of Mineola Police Department**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Mineola Independent School District Board has created within the boundaries of the Mineola Independent School District (“Mineola ISD”) its own Mineola ISD Police Department. This agency is a functional law enforcement agency with officers that are licensed by the State of Texas. The primary function of this agency is to ensure sufficient security and protection of students, staff and property of the District. The Mineola ISD School Board has given full authority to the Mineola ISD Police Department and its officers to enforce all local, state and federal laws as directed to them by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures and the Texas Education Code.

In compliance with the State of Texas Education Code, Section 37.081 subsection (g).

- (g) A school district police department and the law enforcement agencies with which it has overlapping jurisdiction shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that outlines reasonable communication and coordination efforts among the departments and agencies.

The Mineola ISD Police Department and the City of Mineola Police Department hereby enter into this agreement.

- The jurisdiction of the Mineola ISD Police Department shall include all territory on all property owned, leased or rented by the Mineola ISD and within the geographical layout of the District. The Mineola ISD Police Department will enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances and state laws within the territorial boundaries of the District when it affects the safety and welfare of the students and employees and/or District property.
- The Mineola ISD Police Department and the City of Mineola Police Department will assist each other in any way possible to ensure a safe environment for all citizens and will assume the lead within the jurisdiction assigned.
- It will be common practice that the Mineola ISD Police Department and the City of Mineola Police Department will exchange and/or report any information regarding any crimes or criminal activity or any pertinent criminal intelligence that may be mutually beneficial to further the mission of the Departments of protecting persons and property. The City of Mineola Police Department may assist in those cases when the offense exceeds the limited resources of the Mineola ISD Police Department.

- The Mineola ISD Police Department may join with the City of Mineola Police Department in fighting crimes off campus that involve the safety and welfare of students and employees and/or ISD property, and/or instances of mutual aid. When Mineola ISD police officers are working with officers of the City of Mineola Police Department, the jurisdiction of the Mineola ISD police officers will also include all territory within the jurisdiction of the City of Mineola police officers.
- The City of Mineola Police Department will maintain the emergency and non-emergency law enforcement dispatch services and coordinate with the Mineola ISD Police Department on any call reported through the dispatch system.
- Citations issued by the Mineola ISD Police Department which are chargeable as Class C Misdemeanors and which occur within the incorporated limits of the City of Mineola may be filed in the City of Mineola Municipal Court for prosecution.

This Memorandum should be reviewed annually by the appropriate authorities. The Mineola ISD Board and the Mineola City Council hold the authority to change this Memorandum of Understanding at any time by terminating, modifying or amending this agreement and properly notifying all concerned parties of such change.

 Superintendent
 Mineola Independent School District
 Mineola, Texas

Date: _____

 Mayor
 City of Mineola
 Mineola, Texas

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 School Board President
 Mineola Independent School District
 Mineola, Texas

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 Chief of Police
 City of Mineola
 Mineola, Texas

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