

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM DATA REPORT

SUMMARY

Beaverton School District and Beaverton Police Department staff will present data from the Youth Services Program, including the number and type of incidents in which BPD YSOs were involved in any arrest, referral or investigation.

BACKGROUND

The Beaverton School District works with other agencies and organizations to provide services and supports for students and schools, including partnering with three local first responder agencies to provide its Youth Services Program. The Beaverton Police Department provides the majority of services, with seven Youth Services Officers supporting BSD schools located within Beaverton. There are also four Washington County Sheriff's Office YSOs supporting BSD schools located in unincorporated Washington County, and one Hillsboro Police Department YSO serving the one BSD school site located in Hillsboro.

The district's partnerships with first responder agencies have evolved over time as the needs of our schools and our community change. The consultant SeeChange LLC conducted a review of this partnership program and presented to the school board a <u>report and recommendations</u> in August 2022. District staff thoroughly reviewed the recommendations and developed a <u>responsive action plan</u>, which was presented to the board in January 2023.

As a result of this evaluation, the district worked closely with the Beaverton Police Department to reimagine the traditional School Resource Officer program and move towards a Youth Services model. Historically, the SROs were assigned to the Beaverton School District during the school year. During the summer months, these officers would return to general patrol duties. Under this new Youth Services model, the designated YSOs work year-round to assist with youth-related services, not always in connection with schools, and provide summer enrichment experiences. This new model will focus on a programmatic approach that addresses the needs of all Beaverton youth. The overarching mission of the Youth Services program is to work with youth, parents, teachers and administrators to foster safety in our schools, as well as the entire Beaverton community.

Among the other changes implemented have been providing greater clarity about the interagency relationship and the role of law enforcement in schools, developing a new intergovernmental agreement with the Beaverton Police Department spelling out this relationship and expectations in more detail, and providing additional training for YSOs and school administrators.

From June 2023 to June 2024, YSOs have participated in approximately 511 hours of training, which included trauma-informed practices and crisis intervention (CIT), child forensic interviewing, student threat assessment (STAT), applied suicide intervention skills training (ASIST), school safety (Active Shooter), gangs and human trafficking as well as the basic and advanced SRO classes offered by NASRO

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(TRIAD approach to school-based policing). It is important to note that a patrol officer does not receive this type of youth-centered training and an average patrol officer receives approximately 20 hours of training outside the basic required DPSST maintenance training. This data has been verified by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). Training also has been provided to school administrators on the role of YSOs and when to consult or involve them.

The district also is working with partner agencies to provide reporting on a quarterly basis covering the number and type of incidents in which law enforcement is involved in any arrest, referral or investigation. Reporting will be disaggregated by school and will include demographic information on involved students' race, ethnicity and gender. These quarterly reports will be available to the school board and the public.

RECOMMENDATION

District staff and members of the Beaverton Police Department will present data from the Youth Services Program.