

Memorandum of Understanding

Between the Yarmouth Police Department, Dennis Police Department and Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District

Regarding

**The United States Department of Justice
Community Oriented Policing Services Office
Secure Our Schools Grant - 2010**

The Yarmouth Police Department, Dennis Police Department and Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District recognize that the mission of maintaining a safe and secure school environment is a joint responsibility best achieved through a close and collaborative working relationship as demonstrated daily through our school resource officer programs currently in place in the school district. The reality is all too clear that there is an expense beyond the assignment personnel to the schools. Use of technology to deter, detect, investigate, and solve crime and other wrongdoing makes police officers and school administrators more effective as the providers of that safe and secure school environment. The introduction, installation, and implementation of those security technologies require resources. Where resources are scarce each agency actively seeks outside assistance for the provision of funding in furtherance of our joint safety and security agenda.

Purpose

Our purpose in this case is to obtain funding from the 2010 Secure Our Schools Grant to improve physical security measures at the seven schools of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District; Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School, Mattacheese Middle School, Nathaniel H. Wixon Middle School, Marguerite E. Small Elementary School, Station Avenue Elementary School, Laurence C. MacArthur Elementary School, and Ezra H. Baker Elementary School and enhance the ability of the Yarmouth Police, Dennis Police, Yarmouth Fire, and Dennis Fire Departments to respond effectively to incidents at those institutions by providing up-to-date information on the facilities through the use of enhanced technology.

Goal

The overall goal of this project is to improve safety and security in the schools through a collaboration between public safety and educational institutions of our community by obtaining and utilizing technology to make school officials, police officers, fire fighters and emergency medical personnel more efficient and effective in their jobs. Should this project come to fruition it will be another example of how public agencies are more successful through professional partnerships and will, by extension, bring the members of the community, parents and students, into that partnership as stakeholders. We look to this application as an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to each other, to our common mission, and to the community we serve.

Principal Parties

The principal parties of the SOS project, should funding be granted, are the Yarmouth Police Department, the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District and the Dennis Police Department. This project is conceived in partnership with the Yarmouth Fire Department and Dennis Fire Department; both agencies are considered for the purposes of this agreement to be 'end users' of the intended improvements and bear no responsibility or burden in obtaining, managing or implementing the grant.

Responsibilities

The Yarmouth Police Department will provide,

1. School Resource Officer Nicholas Pasquarosa to prepare and submit the grant application.
2. Administrative services through its Administration Division for managing and complying with grant reporting requirements.
3. School Resource Officer Nicholas Pasquarosa as project co-coordinator

The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District will provide,

1. \$75,000 in matching funds.
2. Administrative services through its business office providing for the payment of bills associated with the grant.
3. High School Principal Kenneth Jenks as project co-coordinator.
4. Labor to run wiring in all buildings to accommodate installation of camera and door lock equipment to facilitate termination at both ends by the contactor.
5. Consultation with the principal of each school or his or her designee to provide guidance on proper placement of security equipment.

The Dennis Police will provide,

1. Detective/School Resource Officer Patrick McCaffrey as project co-coordinator.

Period Of Agreement

This Agreement will become effective when and if the 2010 Secure Our Schools Grant is awarded to the Yarmouth Police Department. The agreement will terminate upon completion of the project.

Michal J. Almonte
Chief of Police
Town of Yarmouth

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Carol A. Woodbury
Superintendent of Schools
Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District

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Date

Michal Whalen
Chief of Police
Town of Dennis

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