



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001357

MEETING DATE: 06/23/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): District 1, District 2, District 3 and District 4

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Sheriff-Coroner

DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Jeffrey Puckett, 714-647-1839
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SUBJECT: School Mobile Assessment Resource Team MOU

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
Concur	Approve agreement to form	CONSENT CALENDAR 3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A	Current Year Cost: N/A	Annual Cost: FY 2026-27 \$611,464
Staffing Impact: No	Funding Source: State: Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act: 100%	Sole Source: No
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A		County Audit in Last 3 years: No

Levine Act Review Completed? N/A

Prior Board Action: 6/24/2025 #6, 6/25/2024 #6, 6/27/2023 #13, 6/28/2022 #6

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Authorize the Sheriff-Coroner or designee to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the cities of Anaheim and Garden Grove to participate in the County's School Mobile Assessment Resource Team from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$611,464.

SUMMARY:

Authorization of the Sheriff-Coroner to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the cities of Anaheim and Garden Grove will allow the Sheriff-Coroner Department for the School Mobile Assessment Resource Team program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On December 19, 2000, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a Resolution and the County's Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP). The CMJJP funding is provided under the Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (also referred to as Assembly Bill 1913). The Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (OCJJCC) was established in 2000 and meets regularly to review CMJJP programs and assess their effectiveness. One of the programs under the CMJJP is the Sheriff-Coroner Department's (Sheriff) SMART, which is tasked with responding to crisis situations within the Orange County school systems.

The School Mobile Assessment Resource Team (SMART) program is utilized to assess threats to the safety and security of students, staff and school structures from people on campus and in the surrounding communities. SMART officers are specially trained to assess risks of violence, threats, possession/use of weapons and unstable behaviors that may exist in our schools and present a special risk of harm to students, staff and property. SMART works in conjunction with school officials, the Probation Department, the Health Care Agency and the District Attorney’s office to resolve threats safety issues and concerns involving at-risk youths in or around schools. The SMART Team provides services and resources, including threat assessments, criminal investigations, referrals for counseling to youth and their families and case management. The goal of the SMART Team is to evaluate and assess each incident individually, effectively resolve the matter through the least intrusive means available (while still maintaining safety and security to the school) and ultimately return the staff and students to their daily routine.

The table below shows the recent history with SMART:

Board of Supervisors (Board) Approved	Amendment Number or Contract	Contract Term	Contract Amount	Comments
6/28/22	Second	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	\$236,174	Board approved the Second Amendment to the SMART MOU .
6/27/23	Third	7/1/23 - 6/30/24	\$258,976	Board approved the Third Amendment to the SMART MOU .
6/25/24	Fourth	7/1/24 - 6/30/25	\$295,233	Board approved the Fourth Amendment to the SMART MOU.
6/24/25	Fifth	7/1/25 – 6/30/26	\$295,233	Board approved the Fifth Amendment to the SMART MOU

The SMART program originally targeted cities located in northern Orange County. The SMART Team partnered with the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Irvine in to develop a North School Mobile Assessment Resource Team (NSMART) Team. The aforementioned cities volunteered and were chosen due to their student population, allowing for the greatest impact by NSMART. NSMART worked in collaboration with Orange County School Threat Assessment Team in implementing a Countywide school threat protocol. The NSMART program is no longer a pilot, and the program is now known as SMART. On January 26, 2026, Sheriff received a letter from the City of Irvine informing the Sheriff that they were officially withdrawing from SMART effective February 27, 2026.

OCJJCC has again provided an allocation of funds to support SMART for fiscal year 2026-27 and the proposed agreement is between the OCSD, Garden Grove, and Anaheim. The previously allocation position for Irvine is being used to add an additional OCSD Sheriff. The cities are responsible for their equipment

(e.g., uniforms, vehicles, fuel, radios, etc.) and all other costs associated with its staff (e.g., non-SMART training, etc.). The SMART program, through Sheriff, would reimburse each of these cities solely for their one full-time peace officer assigned to SMART, which allows the costs associated with the extension of the peace officer's contracted term.

Sheriff now requests Board authorization for the Sheriff-Coroner or authorized designee to approve an MOU with the cities of Anaheim and Garden Grove in order to partner with these cities on its SMART Team, for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the not to exceed amount of \$611,464, with funding allocated by OCJCC.

Sheriff also requests approval of the proposed MOU and authority to execute future amendments. Should there be material changes to the terms of the MOU, Sheriff will bring the MOU back to the Board for approval. This MOU is submitted for approval less than 30 days before its effective date due to an extended negotiation period over the terms and conditions in the MOU.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

All costs associated with the MOU are 100 percent reimbursable through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) grant. Appropriations and Revenue related to this MOU are included in the Sheriff-Coroner's FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget for Budget Control 060. This MOU contains language allowing the Sheriff-Coroner Department to terminate the agreement or reduce the level of services without penalty with cause or without cause in the event that funding is reduced and/or not available to continue funding the MOU.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - School Mobile Assessment Resource Team MOU