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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT JULY 10, 2023 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

ITEM: **APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR TWO (2) LATHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO ATTEND THE G.R.E.A.T OFFICER TRAINING IN JULY 2023**

RECOMMENDATION: **Adopt Resolution Approving Out-of-State Travel for Two (2) Lathrop Police Department School Resource Officers to Attend the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T) Officer Training in Scottsdale, Arizona from July 24, 2023 to July 28, 2023**

SUMMARY:

The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a nationally recognized initiative that focuses on preventing and reducing gang involvement and delinquency among young people. The Lathrop Police Department firmly believes that this program offers the most comprehensive and effective approach to address the evolving challenges of today's youth which involves gang activity, bullying, peer pressure, managing anger, and decision making. Additionally, the G.R.E.A.T Program also focuses on providing life skills, developing problem solving skills, promoting positive relationships with law enforcement, and strengthening healthy behaviors which provides the student the skills to not resort to delinquent behavior, gang membership, and violence.

In order for our law enforcement officers to be certified to teach any of the G.R.E.A.T curricula, they are required to successfully complete the G.R.E.A.T Officer Training. Lathrop Police Department has identified two (2) School Resource Officers (SRO) to teach the G.R.E.A.T Program in the upcoming school year.

The G.R.E.A.T Officer Training will take place in Scottsdale, Arizona. The cost for two (2) School Resource Officers to attend the G.R.E.A.T Officer Training is \$4,600. There are sufficient funds in the Lathrop Police Department's training budget to cover the cost of the training.

Staff recommends City Council approve the out-of-state travel for two (2) School Resource Officers to attend the G.R.E.A.T Officer Training in Scottsdale, Arizona from July 24, 2023 to July 28, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a nationally recognized initiative that focuses on preventing and reducing gang involvement and delinquency among young people. The Lathrop Police Department firmly believes that this program offers the most comprehensive and effective approach to address the evolving challenges of our

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youth within the Lathrop community. For our law enforcement officers to be certified to teach any of the G.R.E.A.T curricula, they are required to successfully complete the G.R.E.A.T Officer Training.

There are two G.R.E.A.T trainings offered this year with one in Louisville, Kentucky and the other in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Lathrop Police Department has identified two (2) School Resource Officers (SRO) to teach the G.R.E.A.T Program in the upcoming school year and is requesting approval from Council for the SROs to attend the training in Scottsdale, Arizona on July 24, 2023 through July 28, 2023. This training will equip and enable them to teach the G.R.E.A.T Program and will cover various aspects of gang resistance education, including conflict resolution, decision-making skills, and positive youth development strategies.

Attending this out-of-state training is crucial for our SROs to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively engage with students, identify early signs of gang involvement, and implement prevention strategies. The G.R.E.A.T. Officer Training provides our officers with the tools and resources needed to establish meaningful connections with students, foster positive relationships, and guide them towards making responsible choices.

The cost for two (2) School Resource Officers to attend the G.R.E.A.T Officer Training is \$4,600. There are sufficient funds in the Lathrop Police Department's training budget to cover the cost of the training.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

For our law enforcement officers to be certified to teach any of the G.R.E.A.T curricula, they are required to successfully complete the G.R.E.A.T Officer Training. To be able to teach the G.R.E.A.T Program in the upcoming school year, staff recommends City Council approve the out-of-state travel for two (2) School Resource Officers to attend the G.R.E.A.T Officer Training in Scottsdale, Arizona from July 24, 2023 to July 28, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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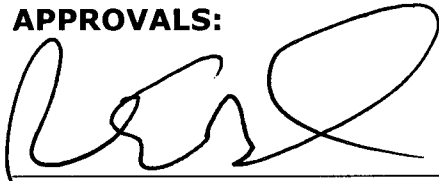
ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution Approving Out-of-State Travel for Two (2) Lathrop Police Department School Resource Officers to Attend the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T) Officer Training in Scottsdale, Arizona from July 24, 2023 to July 28, 2023

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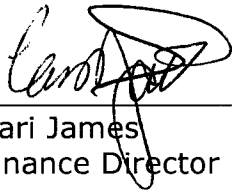
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APPROVALS:



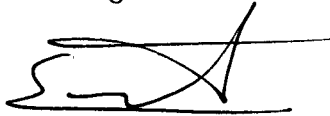
Raymond Bechler
Chief of Police

6/20/23
Date



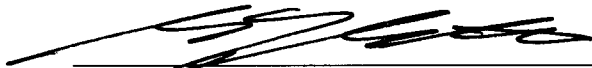
Cari James
Finance Director

6/26/2023
Date



Salvador Navarrete
City Attorney

6.21.2023
Date



Stephen J. Salvatore
City Manager

6.27.23
Date

RESOLUTION NO. 23 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP APPROVING OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR TWO (2) LATHROP POLICE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO ATTEND THE GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING (G.R.E.A.T) OFFICER TRAINING IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA FROM JULY 24, 2023 TO JULY 28, 2023

WHEREAS, the G.R.E.A.T. Program is a nationally recognized initiative that focuses on preventing and reducing gang involvement and delinquency among young people; and

WHEREAS, the Lathrop Police Department firmly believes that this program offers the most comprehensive and effective approach to address the evolving challenges of today's youth which involves gang activity, bullying, peer pressure, managing anger, and decision making; and

WHEREAS, for our law enforcement officers to be certified to teach any of the G.R.E.A.T curricula, they are required to successfully complete the G.R.E.A.T Officer Training; and

WHEREAS, there are two G.R.E.A.T trainings offered this year with one in Louisville, Kentucky and the other in Scottsdale, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Lathrop Police Department has identified two (2) School Resource Officers (SRO) to teach the G.R.E.A.T Program in the upcoming school year and is requesting approval from Council for the SROs to attend the G.R.E.A.T Officer Training in Scottsdale, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, attending this out-of-state training is crucial for our SROs to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively engage with students, identify early signs of gang involvement, and implement prevention strategies; and

WHEREAS, the cost for two (2) School Resource Officers to attend the G.R.E.A.T Officer Training is \$4,600. This includes the registration, hotel and per diem for two (2) School Resource Officers; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Lathrop Police Department's training budget to cover the cost of the training; and

WHEREAS, as required by City policy, any out-of-state travel requires Council approval; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lathrop does hereby approve the out-of-state travel for two (2) School Resource Officers to attend the G.R.E.A.T Officer Training in Scottsdale, Arizona from July 24, 2023 to July 28, 2023.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 10th day of July 2023,
by the following vote of the City Council, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

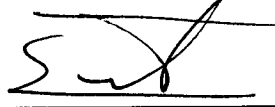
ABSTAIN:

Sonny Dhaliwal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Vargas, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Salvador Navarrete, City Attorney

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