

# Administrative Report

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

#### TITLE

APPROVE AN MOU WITH THE REDONDO BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR THE SHARING OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SURVEILLANCE CAMERA FEEDS WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, AT NO COST TO THE CITY FOR THE TERM AUGUST 2, 2022 TO JUNE 1, 2024

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Fusus, LLC is the provider of a video and data collaboration platform designed to expedite intelligence gathering and efficiency of response to public safety incidents. Fusus integrates security camera feeds from various authorized locations throughout the community into a single (and portable) platform, which can be monitored simultaneously in real time, as incidents occur. Any authorized shared videos can be monitored in the Police Department's Communication Center. Fusus has a specific platform built for video sharing with schools with a focused consideration on privacy and school control of video feeds. The Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) has agreed to pay the equipment cost to allow for video sharing and there is no additional cost to the City of Redondo Beach to integrate the Fusus software with the District.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Redondo Beach City Council approved an agreement with Fusus, LLC for data collaboration software and a portable video security system. The agreement expires November 15, 2022, however, can be extended a total of two additional years. The total approved amount, including the two additional years is not to exceed \$131,500.

In light of recent school violence in our Nation, Fusus, LLC has expanded their platform to address some of the unique privacy concerns associated with sharing video feeds from school campuses. The expanded design includes a feature which will allow RBUSD officials to pre-designate the video camera feeds that may be viewed by the Police Department, in the event of an emergency. Utilizing the Fusus, LLC system, school staff designee(s) will be able to access the Fusus, LLC phone application to notify Police of an emergency and simultaneously activate the pre-designated video feeds at the respective location(s). Video feeds will be monitored by personnel in the Police Department's Communications Center. Having real time intelligence of an emergent incident at a RBUSD campus will allow for a more organized and efficient police response. The video feeds will not be accessible unless school staff report an emergency, via the Fusus, LLC application and grant access.

The Redondo Beach Unified School District will purchase the required hardware to allow for video sharing with the Redondo Beach Police Department. In turn, the Redondo Beach Police Department will share the previously purchased Fusus, LLC software with RBUSD. This collaboration will improve school safety as well as provide greater situational awareness to first responders in the event of an emergency at any of the schools within the District.

## **COORDINATION**

The Police Department coordinated this report with RBUSD personnel and the City Attorney's Office.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional fiscal impact to the City.

## **APPROVED BY:**

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

## **ATTACHMENTS**

MOU- RBUSD Surveillance Video Sharing