

Agenda Item: 3.e

Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through:

From: Theresa Smalling

Date: 2026-08-03

Subject: Annual Addendum to the Contract with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) to provide Law Enforcement Services for the City of Dunedin, at a cost of \$6,479,308 for Fiscal Year 2027.

Presenter(s): Dr. Theresa Smalling, SPHR, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Commission approval of Addendum No. 3 to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) Contract with the City of Dunedin to provide Law Enforcement Services, at a cost of \$6,479,308 for FY27.

Strategic Themes: Good Governance

Boards & Committees: Public Safety Committee reviewed the Addendum on August 18, 2026 and recommended approval.

Budget Impact: Total Cost for Fiscal Year 2027 is \$6,479,308.

Past Action: N / A

Next Action: N / A

Attachments: [A. Dunedin.FY27.Contract.pdf](#)
[B. Explanation of Attachment 1.pdf](#)

Background: The contract with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) to provide law enforcement services to the City of Dunedin is renewed each year, in one year increments. The attached addendum No. 3 (Exhibit A) is a continuation of the current contract for FY27. Also included in Exhibit A is Attachment 1, which details the provided services and associated expenses. Exhibit B explains the terms used in Attachment 1.

The total FY27 cost for law enforcement services is \$6,424,428, which is an overall increase of 5.67%, or \$344,448 over the prior

year. The additional cost is attributable to the increased cost per deputy, from \$132,550 to \$140,510, as well as vehicle cost increases. Expenses for services are detailed as follows:

Contracted Personnel include sworn officer positions, as well as support staff (including 28 school crossing guards), as detailed in Exhibit B. Five (5) Community Policing Deputies (CPD) are permanently assigned to the City, including two (2) deputies assigned to traffic enforcement. The annual cost for law enforcement services (which includes the City's cost-share for equipment and other indirect costs) is \$6,424,428, paid monthly, of which \$137,280 is for 2,080 hours of additional traffic enforcement.

Special Events Services / Additional Security: 680 hours of secondary employment services, at a total cost of \$44,880 payable in full as of October 1, 2026.

Funding of Safe Harbor (\$10,000), a facility operated by the Sheriff as a jail diversion program designed to place homeless people who commit minor crimes. The Safe Harbor contribution is payable in full on or before November 1, 2026.

Staff recommends Commission approval of Addendum No. 3 between the City of Dunedin and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to provide Law Enforcement Services, at a cost of \$6,479,308 for FY27, as detailed above.