



City Council Report

Date: July 11, 2022
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manger
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Robert Rash, Commander
Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement with the Gilbert Unified School District (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Gilbert Unified School District for Surveillance System Emergency Access.

Background

The City of Mesa has placed officers in certain Gilbert Unified School District campuses and responds to calls for police service at District campuses located within the boundaries of the City. In the event of an emergency on a District school campus, the District will provide first responders with information available through the respective campus security camera/surveillance system(s) in the interest of the safety of all involved.

Discussion

Any District campus surveillance system(s) will only be available during and in response to an active/ongoing emergency occurring on or involving a District campus. "Emergency" means a situation in which articulable facts indicate that a significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals exists. The permission provided under the Agreement is solely for emergency circumstances. Access to the surveillance system will allow the City to provide a prompt and informed response.

The City will not access any District campus surveillance system for any other purpose or at any other time without the District's express written permission for non-emergency access.

Alternatives

If the Intergovernmental Agreement is declined, the City of Mesa will not have access to the Gilbert Unified School District campus surveillance system and will not be able to provide a prompt and informed response to an emergency situation.

Fiscal Impact

There will be no charges or fees associated with the use of a Gilbert Unified School District campus surveillance system.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Gilbert Unified School District for Surveillance System Emergency Access.