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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 23, 2010

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager *J. Szerlag*

FROM: Gary Mayer, Chief of Police *G. Mayer*
Keith Frye, Captain- Investigative Services Division *K. Frye*

RE: Discontinue Service- Niles Community High School, School Resource Officer

BACKGROUND: The School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to Troy Athens High School is scheduled to return to the Operations Division in September 2010. His transfer will create a vacancy within the Juvenile Unit. As a result of budgetary challenges, that vacancy will not be filled.

ANALYSIS: School Resource Officers assist schools with the prevention of delinquent behavior, provide faster more appropriate response to requests for police intervention, facilitate the investigation of law violations and police related complaints, improve the relationship between the youth of this community and their police department, act as a resource for both the staff and students, provide classroom instruction on topics in which they have knowledge, training or expertise (as requested), advise the school administration on the establishment of policy, rules and regulations, provide police presence at after school functions - at the School Administration's request, and conduct all investigation pertinent to juvenile related incidents involving students whether in or out of the school setting.

Approximately 2,011 students attend Troy High School. Troy Athens High School is attended by 1,755 students. Niles Community High School was created in 1995 to provide non-traditional students, from all area schools, the opportunity for a quality education. Approximately 150 students attend Niles Community High School.

CONCLUSION:

As a result of a reduced staffing need, the SRO assigned to Niles Community School will be transferred to Athens High School. A School Resource Officer will not be assigned to Niles Community High School. Niles Community High School will be serviced by existing Juvenile Unit officers as the need arises.