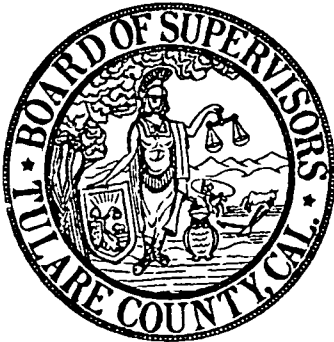


# BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE A )  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ) Resolution No. 2018-0609  
FOR THE TULARE COUNTY SEXUAL ) Agreement No. 28752  
ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT TEAM )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR SHUKLIAN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
ENNIS, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT  
AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD JULY 17, 2018, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: SUPERVISORS CROCKER, VANDER POEL, SHUKLIAN, WORTHLEY,  
AND ENNIS  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE



ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: *Michael C. Spata*  
Deputy Clerk

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1. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between participating agencies to operate the Tulare County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team, under the SAFE program, in the amount of \$562,897, retroactive to July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. The MOU is retroactive due to unintentional delays in processing the MOU and submitting the agenda item.
2. Found that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2018, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorized the Chairman to sign three copies of the MOU.



## Sheriff's Office COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

KUYLER CROCKER  
District One

PETE VANDER POEL  
District Two

AMY SHUKLIAN  
District Three

J. STEVEN WORTHLEY  
District Four

MIKE ENNIS  
District Five

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Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**SUBJECT:** Approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the Tulare County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Team.

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

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3. Authorize the Chairman to sign three copies of the MOU.

**SUMMARY:**

The Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) program was first created and became effective in 2007. Congruently, the Tulare County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) created a multi-agency task force known as the Tulare County SAFE Team to investigate, monitor, and prosecute sexual offenders. The SAFE Team is funded by grants from the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA) and through allocation of CAL OES programs based on existing guidelines and percentages. Since 2007, the MOU has been renewed through several amendments (Agreement

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No. 25265).

A new MOU has been created, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, to include Family Services of Tulare County as an additional participating agency and to outline the duties and responsibilities of each agency. The SAFE Team shall now include the following Tulare County agencies:

- Tulare County Sheriff's Office
- District Attorney's Office
- Probation Department
- Family Services

Each agency will take a proactive role in the registration and prosecution of child molesters and violent sex offenders. TCSO will have three detectives and one Extra Help Investigator Aide; the District Attorney's Office will have one investigator; the Probation Department will have one probation officer; and Family Services will provide educational services to the public as part of the SAFE Team.

The SAFE Team will collaborate to locate and apprehend wanted sexual predators and assist local police departments with sexual violator investigations. The SAFE Team will be tasked with conducting criminal investigations in cases of maltreatment of minors, including but not limited to sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect. The TCSO detectives and District Attorney Investigator will have special training in investigations of sexual assault and juvenile crimes and will monitor and perform investigations and special details to apprehend habitual and convicted sex offenders who fail to register with authorities. The Extra Help Investigator Aid will maintain records and correspondence, process and serve legal motions, and also assist in other areas to establish and maintain effective working relationships with public and private agencies. The Tulare County Probation Officer will investigate, report, and make recommendations on sexual predator and registration cases referred to the Probation Department by the courts. Family Services will provide public education presentations at schools, civic clubs, and other community organizations on internet sex crimes, sexual assault awareness/prevention, the SAFE Team, the Rape Crisis Center, and on other public services available in Tulare County. The duties and responsibilities of each agency are elaborated further on the MOU.

This MOU has been approved as to form by County Counsel and includes the following substantive deviation from the standard County boilerplate: the MOU is a multi-year agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

SAFE Team program funding will be used to pay the salary, benefits, and related program expenses for the positions mentioned above and will help defray Sheriff staffing costs for the services provided. The Sheriff's Office receives an allocation of funds from CAL OES in the amount of \$562,897 and acts as the fiduciary agent to

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distribute funds in the following amounts for each agency:

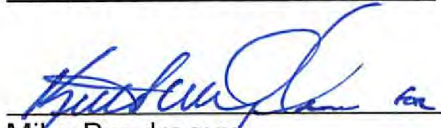
- Tulare County Sheriff's Office \$357,467
- District Attorney's Office \$98,301
- Probation Department \$77,044
- Family Services \$30,085

Funds shall be received on an annual basis for the duration of the term and will remain the same each year. For the first year, a total amount of \$357,467 has been included in the Sheriff's FY 2018/2019 operating budget. Additional funds will be allocated to future years as they are received. There is no net County cost to operate the SAFE program.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security Initiative to effectively and fairly investigate, arrest, prosecute and punish individuals who engage in criminal behaviors. The Tulare County SAFE Team is consistent with this initiative through investigation and prosecution of sexual offenders.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

  
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Mike Boudreaux  
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment – Memorandum of Understanding