Charter School Guardian Program Training

Please find attached the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Broward Sheriff’s Office and Broward County Charter Schools for the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program. The MOU spells out the training requirements and responsibilities necessary to meet all statutory requirements to be a School Guardian.

The first step in the process to meet the components required under the Public Safety Act (F.S. 30.15) are as follows:

- Level 2 Criminal background Check
- Drug Testing
- License to Carry a Concealed Weapon (click here for CS Guardian Kit)

Upon completion of the above, you are advised to schedule a pre-employment psychological evaluation for the training program. The Broward Sheriff’s Office will assist with the scheduling and will need your Charter School representative to send an email to diana_viscarra@sheriff.org (post-conditional offer) with the candidate’s information and completed Guardian Training Program Authorization and Registration Form (click here for the form). The cost for the evaluation is $250 and will be billed to the school directly by the provider.

Once the results of the evaluations are ready, BSO will provide them to the Charter School representative for the school’s determination to move forward with their hiring process.

After receipt of an executed MOU and completed registration package you will be contacted and your Guardian candidate will be enrolled in the next available Guardian Academy class. Each academy is limited to 30 students.

The next academy dates are:

October 15th – November 7th
November 17th – December 12th (cancelled)
January 7th – February 5th
All equipment for your candidate will be provided with the exception of footwear (closed toed shoes are mandatory) and his/her firearm (Click here for Guardian Academy Requirements and Equipment List). BSO will invoice charter schools for tuition and equipment and will credit back those invoiced expenses through reimbursement received from state grant funding.

For questions regarding training, please contact Lt. Scott Erdelyi at 954-321-4716 or by email at scott_erdelyi@sheriff.org.

For questions about pre-employment psychological evaluations, please contact Diana Viscarra at 954-321-4428 or by email at diana_viscarra@sheriff.org.

For general questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Castillo at 954-321-4345 or lisa_castillo@sheriff.org.