



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DATE: April 11, 2016
TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager
FROM: Michael Davila, Division Chief of Operations
SUBJECT: Executive Summary – High School Academy Program MOU

PROJECT

The Key West Fire Department (KWFD) has provided fire academy training to high school students through the Monroe County School Board (MCSB) and Key West High School for the past five years. The KWFD has always secured a grant to fund the class from South Florida Work Force (which recently changed its name to Career Source), however the grant did not get re-authorized this school year. To replace the lost funding for this year, the high school requested \$25,000 from the MCSB to provide this important training opportunity.

The funding was approved by the School Board at February 23, 2016 meeting. A Memo of Understanding (MOU) is on the April 26, 2016 MCSB meeting agenda.

ADVANTAGES:

The Key West Fire Department provides valuable training to high school students. These students will graduate at Firefighter I level in the State of Florida certification program. The City has enjoyed much success recruiting from the pool of students that enroll and complete the academy and obtain their certification.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the Memo of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the Monroe County School Board to provide funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the training for high school students.