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Chief of Police



Key West

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Chief Donald J. Lee, Jr.

DATE: July 1, 2016

REF: Exec. Summary-MAA for School Resource Officers

Action Statement

The Key West Police Department is seeking the Commission approval of a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Key West and the Monroe County School District to assign a police officer as a School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Key West High and Horace O'Bryant School.

Background

The Key West Police Department has assigned a police officer as an SRO at Key West High School since at least 1992. Two years ago it was mutually agreed to assign a KWPD SRO at Horace O'Bryant School. The SRO is assigned to both schools full time while school is in session. During holidays and summer the SRO is assigned to road patrol duties. The SRO provides a safe learning environment for both students and teachers. They also build trust and foster positive relationships between the police and students as they approach young adulthood. Their presence deters crime and criminal activity on campus and the surrounding neighborhood. In conjunction with the school staff and counselors, they also provide a positive role model for students.

Options

1. Approve the Mutual Aid Agreement and continue to assign a KWPD officer as an SRO to the Key West High School and Horace O'Bryant School.
2. Don't approve the Mutual Aid Agreement and reassign the officer to road patrol.

Financial Impact

The officer assigned as the SRO is a regularly budgeted KWPD position. The Monroe County School District will reimburse the City \$145,616.00 for SRO services. The funds are assumed in the City's proposed FY 16/17 budget.

Recommendation

The KWPD recommends Option 1.



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