

**Donald J. Lee, Jr.**  
**Chief of Police**



**Key West**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Jim Scholl, City Manager  
**FROM:** Donald J. Lee, Jr., Chief of Police  
**DATE:** August 5, 2014  
**RE:** Exec. Summary-SRO Mutual Aid Agreement with MCSD

**Action Statement**

The Key West Police Department is seeking the Commissions 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.

**Background**

The Key West Police Department has assigned a police officer as a school resource officer at Key West High since at least 1992. Last year the City of Key West and the Monroe County School District agreed to assign an SRO at Horace O’Bryant. The SRO’s are assigned to the schools full time while school is in session. The SRO’s provide 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 SRO’s at Key West High School and Horace O’Bryant.
2. Don’t approve the Mutual Aid Agreement and reassign the officers to road patrol.

**Financial Impact**

The officers assigned as the SRO are budgeted KWPD position. The Monroe County School District will reimburse the City \$124,620.00 for SRO services. The funds are assumed in the City’s proposed FY 14/15 budget.

**Recommendation**

The KWPD recommends Option 1.



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