

Donald J. Lee, Jr.
Chief of Police



Key West
POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Bob Vitas, City Manager
FROM: Donald J. Lee, Jr., Chief of Police
DATE: August 28, 2012
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) to the Key West High.

Background

The Key West Police Department has assigned a police officer as a school resource officer to the Key West High since at least 1992. The SRO is assigned to the Key West High School 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.
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 \$74,121.00 for SRO services. The funds are assumed in the City's proposed FY 13/14 budget.

Recommendation

The KWPD recommends Option 1.



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