

MEMORANDUM

Date:

June 8, 2023

To:

Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via:

Albert P. Childress

City Manager

From:

Nicholas Trovato

Assistant City Attorney

Subject:

Mutual Aid Agreement For School Resource Officers

Introduction

The Key West Police Department is seeking Commission ratification of a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Key West and the Monroe County School District for the 2023-2024 school year to assign a police officer as an SRO at five (5) schools. Two (2) SRO's at Key West High School, one (1) SRO at each of the following; Horace O'Bryant, Poinciana Elementary, Gerald Adams Elementary, and Sigsbee Charter School, as well as, one (1) Sergeant in a rotating position. This will be a total of (7) funded positions provided to the School District.

Background

Florida Legislature passed the school safety bill that mandates an SRO be in every public school and charter school in the state of Florida since August 2018. To meet this mandate, the Key West Police Department currently assigns a police officer as an SRO at Key West High School, Horace O'Bryant Middle school, Poinciana Elementary, Gerald Adams Elementary, and Sigsbee Charter School. The current Term of Agreement expires June 30, 2023.

Procurement

The Monroe County School District is proposing to reimburse the City of Key West \$1,281,081.00 for SRO services. This will fund the cost of seven(7) SRO positions

Recommendation

The Key West Police Department recommends the ratification of the Mutual Aid Agreement, to continue to meet the required state statute and maintain an effective SRO Program

Exhibits:

Exhibit A - Mutual Aid Agreement