



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 6, 2024 City Commission Meeting

To: The City Commission for the City of Key West

From: Ronald Ramsingh, City Attorney

Subject: A Resolution to approve the 2024/2025 Safe School Officer Agreement for School Resource Officers

Sponsors: City Manager Childress

Background

The Florida Legislature passed the School Safety Bill in 2018 that mandates a School Resource Officer (SRO) be located in every public school and charter school in the State of Florida. To achieve compliance with this mandate, the School District and KWPD have entered into annual agreements to staff these mandated positions. The Key West Police Department and the Monroe County School District Board is seeking the ratification of the attached 2024/2025 Safe School Officer Agreement to use KWPD officers as School Resource Officers in the 5 schools located in the City of Key West. 2 SROs are assigned at KWHS, 1 SRO is assigned to each of the following schools: H.O.B., Poinciana Elementary, Gerald Adams Elementary, and Sigsbee Charter. Additionally, 1 Sergeant is assigned in a rotating position. This will be a total of 7 funded positions provided to the School District.

The current proposal has added an electric golf cart to be used at KWHS solely for KWPD SROs, 8 LifeVac Dechoking Devices, 7 long rifles, and associated accessories. These items are contingent upon the MCSD approving their purchase in their upcoming budget to reimburse the City of Key West.

The current agreement expires on June 30, 2024.

Cost

The MCSD reimburses the City of Key West for the SRO services, training, and equipment

Options:

1. To pass the proposed Resolution approving the 2024/2025 SRO Agreement with the School District. This will ensure that the public and charter schools in Key West will have the required law enforcement protections required under state law..
2. To Deny the proposed Resolution. Monroe County will not be in compliance with the School Safety Bill.

Recommendation:

To pass the proposed Resolution for the 2024/2025 school year.