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Chief of Police



Key West
POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Mr. Greg Veliz
FROM: Chief Sean T. Brandenburg
DATE: July 15, 2020
RE: Executive Summary – Mutual Aid Agreement for School Resource Officers

Action Statement

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

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, Poinciana Elementary, Gerald Adams Elementary, and Sigsbee Charter School.

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 the counselors, they also provide a positive role model for students.

Financial Impact

The Monroe County School District is proposing to reimburse the City of Key West \$835,735.00 for SRO services. This covers the majority of the salaries, benefits, and equipment for the five SRO positions.



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