

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: November 4, 2011
RE: Exec. Summary-SRO Mutual Aid Agreement with MCSD

Action Statement

The Key West Police Department is seeking the Commissions authorization to enter into 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 school resource is assigned to the Key West High School full time while school is in session. During holidays and summer the school resource officers 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 Monroe County School District's contribution to the city's general fund will reflect an increase to the budget by \$50,279. The officer assigned as the SRO is a regularly budgeted KWPD position.

Recommendation

The KWPD recommends Option 1.



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