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Chief of Police



Key West
POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Ms. Patti McLaughlin
FROM: Chief Sean T. Brandenburg *STB*
DATE: June 30, 2022
RE: Executive Summary – Mutual Aid Agreement for School Resource Officers

Action Statement

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 (MCSD) for the 2022-2023 school year to assign a police officer as a School Resource Officer (SRO) at five (5) schools: Key West High, Horace O'Bryant, Poinciana Elementary, Gerald Adams Elementary, Sigsbee Charter School, and one (1) Sergeant in a rotating position. This will be a total of six (6) funded positions provided to MCSD.

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.

Purpose and Justification

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 \$952,344.00 for SRO services. This will fund the cost of the six (6) 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.

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