



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 7, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

From: Sean T. Brandenburg
Chief of Police

Subject: **File ID: 26-5370 Approve a mutual aid agreement between the Key West Police Department (KWPD) and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office (MSCO).**

Introduction

The Key West Police Department (KWPD) is requesting approval of a mutual aid agreement with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).

Background

Since at least Sheriff Rick Roth's administration KWPD and MSCO have worked under a mutual aid agreement. The Key West Police Department and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office are so located that it is to the advantage of each to receive and extend mutual aid in the form of law enforcement services and resources to better serve the citizens of the City of Key West and Monroe County in responding to:

1. Continuing, multi-jurisdictional criminal activity; and
2. Law enforcement and public safety emergencies, including, but not limited to, natural or manmade disasters or emergencies as defined under §252.34, Florida Statutes; and

KWPD and MCSO have the authority under the Florida Mutual Aid Act, Chapter 23, Part I, Florida Statutes, to enter into a mutual aid agreement for law enforcement services which permits

voluntary cooperation and assistance across jurisdictional lines. This Mutual Aid Agreement includes both a voluntary cooperation written agreement and a requested operational assistance written agreement as those terms are contemplated by the Florida Mutual Aid Act.

Subject to the general terms of this Agreement of requested aid and emergencies, the KWPD shall have primary statutory jurisdiction of all parts of College Road and all areas of Stock Island situated north of U.S.1. KWPD will assume primary patrol responsibilities for all parts of College Road and all areas of Stock Island situated north of U.S.1. MCSO will assume primary statutory jurisdiction and primary patrol responsibilities for Wisteria Island.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact.

Recommendation

The Key West Police Department recommends approval of this mutual aid agreement with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.