

**Donald J. Lee, Jr.**  
**Chief of Police**



**Key West**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager  
**FROM:** Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police  
**DATE:** 5-26-10  
**RE:** Executive Summary-Florida Keys Community College Police Academy

**Action Statement**

The Key West Police Department intends to sponsor 5 (five) cadets through the Police Academy using Federal Forfeiture Funds.

**Background**

The Department has not been able to recruit and fill its vacancies with certified applicants. We would like to pre-screen, and then sponsor several recruits through the full time police academy at FKCC. This would allow the Department to fill vacant positions with qualified and vetted personnel. The Department has experienced past success sponsoring candidates through the police academy.

**Advantages and Disadvantages**

With the poor economy, less and less applicants can afford to pay their own way through the police academy. This program will provide a means for qualified applicants to become Key West Police Officers. Without this program, the pool of qualified applicants diminishes and the Department would be forced to disqualify anyone who is not in a financial position to pay their own way.

**Financial Impact**

The funds used for this pledge will be transferred from Federal Forfeitures reserves. The total cost of this project will not exceed \$30,000.00.



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