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**Chief of Police**



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

**TO:** Ms. Patti McLauchlin, City Manager  
**FROM:** Sean T. Brandenburg, Chief of Police  
**DATE:** July 23, 2021  
**RE:** 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 2021- 2022 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, and Sigsbee Charter School. Further, approval is being sought to add an additional funded position to serve as Sergeant in a rotating position, for a total of six (6) funded positions provided to MSCD.

**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, 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 \$934,393.00 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 and approval to add an additional funded position, upon passage of this resolution, to serve as Sergeant for the SRO program. This will increase Key West Police Department's overall billeted positions by one (1).

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