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Key West

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Chief Donald J. Lee, Jr.

DATE: July 27, 2018

REF: Exec. Summary-MAA for School Resource Officers

Action Statement

The Key West Police Department is seeking the Commission's approval of a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Key West and the Monroe County School District (MCSD) to assign a police officer as a School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Key West High, Horace O'Bryant, Poinciana Elementary, Gerald Adams Elementary and Sigsbee Charter School.

Background

The Key West Police Department currently assigns a police officer as an SRO at Key West High School and Horace O'Bryant School. The SRO is assigned to both schools full time while school is in session. 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.

This year the Florida Legislature passed a school safety bill that mandates an SRO in every public and charter school in Florida beginning in August of 2018. To meet this mandate the MCSD is requesting to add an SRO at Poinciana Elementary, Gerald Adams Elementary and Sigsbee Charter School.

Financial Impact

The officers currently assigned as SRO's at Key West High School and Horace O'Bryant are regularly budgeted KWPD positions. The Monroe County School District reimburses the City \$168,999.00 for those SRO services. As a result of the requested new 3 SRO's, I have submitted 3 new officer positions in our departments FY 18-19 budget. The MCSD is proposing to reimburse the City of Key West \$695,709.00 for SRO services beginning FY 18-19. This covers the majority of the salaries, benefits and equipment for all 5 SRO positions.



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