



## Local Vendor Teams with Key West Fire Department



Jack Niles, of Niles Sales and Service joined Key West Fire Chief David Fraga and Division Chief Michael Davila to admire the Department's newly acquired Chevy Tahoe, which will serve as the Shift Commander's vehicle for many years to come.

"We are pleased to have been able to work with a local business to make this happen," said Chief Fraga.

"Jack Niles was very helpful in accommodating the Fire Department by matching the lowest state contract price," noted Davila, "and then going above and beyond with the design features, making it unique to the Key West Fire Department. We used our current fire truck look and matched it right down to the 'Serving the Southernmost City' logo."

Davila noted that Niles Sales and Service has always been a community conscious business in Key West, and partnering with the Fire Department is just another way this community works together.



Key West Mayor Craig Cates, along with City Commissioner Clayton Lopez proclaimed June 27 National HIV Testing Day.

The national designation began, said Lopez, in 1995 as an effort to encourage people to take control of their lives. According to Lopez, there are 1.2 million people in the U.S. living with HIV, and nearly 30 percent of them are unaware that they are infected.

"Take the test. Take control of your own destiny, your own future, your own lives," said Lopez, who works for the Monroe County Health Department. "The only way to know your status is to get tested."

Mayor Cates and Commissioner Lopez were joined at the podium by Bob Eadie, Director of the Monroe County Health Department.



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## Employee Service Awards

The City of Key West has a hard-working and dedicated group of people whose service ensures city residents and visitors a clean, safe community. The following City staff hit some important milestones in the months of June:



**P. Lee Thompson**  
Pool/Facility Supervisor  
Community Services  
6/14/82  
30 years



**Daniel Blanco**  
Fire Inspector  
Key West Fire Department  
6/22/92  
20 years



**Julian Butler**  
Bus Driver  
KWDoT  
6/23/07  
5 years



**Eric Biskup**  
Officer  
Key West Police Department  
6/4/07  
5 years



Key West Mayor Craig Cates proclaimed the first week of June as Key West Pride Week. He was joined at the podium by commissioners and members of the Key West Business Guild, and the LGBT Chamber of Commerce which has been supporting and promoting Gay Key West since 1978.

The organization promotes LGBT travel and tourism to the city and serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for social, political and personal equality for the LGBT community.

“This week the eyes of the nation and the world will once again look upon our island community as an example of harmony, diversity, and acceptance,” reads the proclamation.

# Ford Commercial Now Airing



A Ford faux-race, set and filmed in Old Town in late May is now on the air, though it might be difficult to recognize the Island City in the quick cutaways of the Ford commercial.

The race might have been virtual, but the excitement was real. Two Ford Focus GTs staged a run from the Southernmost Point to Mallory Square, dodging obstacles and highlighting the nightlife along the way.

In addition to using professional cameramen on the ground, the producers used two helicopters: one to stage a spotlight running the length of Whitehead Street, and another to film the action. In addition, people on the street were able to participate by filming on their phones and sending the footage to Ford.

The vehicles, piloted by professional drivers, did not go as fast as it appears in the ad.

“We are able to do amazing things with shutter speed,” says Jeff Rohrer of Recommended Media, the production company.



*The cars were staged at the Southernmost Point where the race began. Helicopters made continual passes over the street as the evening filming progressed.*



*City Commissioner Clayton Lopez looked on as one of the obstacles was carefully positioned along Whitehead Street. The truck laden with lobster traps forced the drivers to serve around it.*



*Some 50 off-duty officers worked the assignment, clearing the roads and ensuring that onlookers were safely out of harm's way. In addition to all five motorcycles, a mounted officer and officers in cars and on foot were vigilant in keeping stragglers out of the roadway.*



## Key West Police Lieutenant Graduates FBI Academy



Key West Police Lt. Kathleen Ream is one of an exclusive class of law enforcement officers who graduated in June from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia.

“We are fortunate to have another FBI Academy graduate return to our department,” said Key West Police Chief Donie Lee. “This exceptional opportunity is highly sought by thousands of police managers and executives. I’m sure that Lt. Ream will utilize her new knowledge and experience to compliment her leadership role in the department.”

The 249th Session of the National Academy consisted of nearly 300 officers from 48 states. The 10-week FBI National Academy Program is internationally acclaimed for its academic excellence, offering advanced investigative, management and fitness training for select officers who have proven records as outstanding professionals within their agencies.

Lt. Ream is one of those outstanding professionals and an asset to the Key West Police Department. Since she joined the Department in 1995, she has exemplified the core values of the Department. Her interest in law enforcement began in 1991 when she became an auxiliary officer, which inspired her to attend the police academy and become a full-time officer. She was promoted to sergeant in 1999 and named the director of training. In 2003 she was promoted to lieutenant. Lt. Ream is a family-oriented, integral part of the Key West community, dedicating her time to numerous volunteer efforts including the Police Athletic League.

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## Key West High Students Win State Academic Challenge



Mayor Craig Cates, during a June City Commission meeting, commended a group of six Key West High School students for their academic prowess. Dylan Higbie, Kelly Rosch, Jason Correa, Sherman Kaplitz, Justin Poon and Gwen Pearson (not shown) represented Monroe County as part of the Academic Challenge Team.

The students placed first out of all 67 Florida counties, winning the title of State Champions in the Commissioner's Academic Challenge Tournament in Orlando.