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**MEMO**

**To:** Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

**From:** Sheriff Bill Elfo, Director  
John Gargett, Deputy Director  
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management

**Subject:** Whatcom County Integrated Public Safety Radio Network  
Toad Mountain Water Tower Site Lease

**Date:** March 18, 2021

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Enclosed is the lease between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Water District 7 for leasing tower access and equipment space at the Toad Mountain Water Tower Site.

- **Background and Purpose**

The Whatcom County Integrated Public Safety Radio Network, used by all first responder agencies county-wide, utilize multiple communications sites to provide coverage for Whatcom County. All tower leases have been previously managed by the Whatcom County Council of Governments through the NWLERN contract, which expired 12/31/2020. Management of all tower leases has reverted to Whatcom County.

The lease for the Toad Mountain Water Tower Site has expired and needs to be renewed. This lease allows Whatcom County the continued ability to maintain communications for first responders.

The performance period for this lease runs from January 1, 2021 through July 31, 2025.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

\$5,715.02 for the term of the lease (\$1,200.00 for 01/01/2021-12/31/2021, with an annual 2% rate increase). Funding comes from the Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management Public Safety Radio System budget.

If you have questions, please contact John Gargett (360-778-7160).