



WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET (CIS)

Whatcom Co. Contract #:

Originating Department: 35 - Sheriff
Division: 3510 Administration
Program: 351000 Administration
Contract or Grant Administrator: Steve Harris, Undersheriff
Contractor's / Agency Name: City of Bellingham Police Department
Title of Agreement (optional):

Type of Contract: Intergovernmental Contract For Services
If amendment or renewal, original contract #:
Is this is a grant agreement? No If so, grantor agency contract #s: ALN: <i>Note: Complete ALN field if contract involves direct federal grants/cooperative agreements or pass-through federal funds.</i>
Is this contract grant-funded? No If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s):
If this contract the result of an RFP? No If yes, RFP number(s):
Is this contract the result of a Bid Process? No If yes, Bid Number(s):
Does this contract involve federal reimbursement? (i.e. fed grant, cooperative agreement, pass-through fed funds, etc.) Yes
Procurement method: N/A - Interlocal/Grant - For interlocal agreements between governments or grant-funded contracts
Council review: Required - Interlocal agreement (Cooperative Purpose, Referencing RCW 39.34)

Fund(s):
Cost Center(s):
Object Account(s):

Original Contract Amount: \$ 0.00
This Amendment Amount: \$
Total Cumulative Amount: \$ 0.00

Contract term ends: Until terminated or superseded

Key words/summary (optional):
The proposed interlocal agreement authorizes the placement of a Type 2 explosives storage magazine and a Type 4 detonator storage magazine at the Whatcom County Central Shop located at 901 W. Smith Road. These magazines will be licensed through Washington State L&I and Bellingham PD will maintain them, in full compliance with WAC 296-52. The magazines will serve as a shared resource for authorized personnel from both BPD and WCSO, including bomb technicians and explosive breachers.

Contract routing (please initial & date):

Prepared by: Donna Duling / Magnus Gervol

Contractor review: _____

Attorney signoff: Approved via Email BW/DD 5/13

AS Finance review: J. Thomson 05/28/2026

IT review (if related): _____

Contractor signed: _____

Executive review: _____

Council approval, if necessary: _____

AB#: _____

Executive signed: _____



Contract Coversheet

Contract: C2600103
Amendment: N/A

Name Whatcom Co Sheriffs Office	Contracting Party ID V002954	DBA or Disregarded Entity	
Department Police	Originator Renee Firos		
Classification Interlocal Agreement	Project Name MOU Explosive Storage	Project Manager Benjamin Horton	
Original Amount \$0.00	Maximum Amount	Total Amendment Change	Current Amendment Amount
Type NF - Non-Financial	Structure ST - Standard	Agreement Type NONFIN - Non-Financial Contract	
Completion Date	Amended Completion Date	Compliance Type Insurance not required	
Retainage %	Retainage Comments		
Renewal Date	Renewal Notes		

Additional Contract Notes:

Contacts:

Benjamin Horton - bhorton@cob.org

C2600103

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between

WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (WCSO)

AND

BELLINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT (BPD)

EXPLOSIVE MAGAZINE STORAGE, USE, MANAGEMENT, AND LICENSING

- The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office is allowing the placement of an L&I licensed explosive storage magazine (Type 2: WAC 296-52-70020) and detonator storage magazine (Type 4: WAC 296-52-70040) at their facilities, 901 W. Smith Rd.
- These magazines are to be a shared resource for authorized individuals by both agencies, including bomb technicians and explosive breachers.
- The magazines are to be kept in compliance with Washington State Labor and Industries standards (WAC 296-52) and be certified every year.
- The Bellingham Police Department Special Operations Lieutenant or their designee will arrange and maintain records for the magazines and complete yearly inspections through L&I guidance.
- Authorized individuals to these magazines must obtain an Explosive Handlers License through Washington State Labor and Industries or be authorized under the emergency exemptions defined by WAC 296-52-60020.
- Explosive Handlers' Licenses will be managed by the Bellingham Police Department's Special Operations Lieutenant or their designee. This includes yearly review for ongoing training and renewal compliance.
- The Bellingham Police Department will pay Magazine Licensing fees and Explosive Handler License fees charged by Washington State Labor and Industries.

- Compliance issues with the magazines, licenses, or facilities issues shall be reported to both the Bellingham Police Department's Special Operations Lieutenant and the Whatcom County Sheriff's Special Response Team Lieutenant.
- Whatcom County Sheriff's Office or Bellingham Police Department may terminate this agreement with written thirty (30) days' notice to the Sheriff or the Chief of Police. In the event of termination of this agreement, the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and the Bellingham Police Department will be responsible for their own costs of storage and licensing fees.

The undersigned hereby agree to this MOU and thereby authorize its execution.

Bellingham Police Department

Chief Rebecca Mertzig

Signed 

Dated 1/23/26

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Donnell "Tank" Tanksley

Signed 

Dated 4/10/26

CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2026.



Mayor

ATTEST: 

Finance Department

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL:



Chief of Police or Designee

**WHATCOM COUNTY:
Recommended for Approval:**

See previous page

Donnell Tanksley, Sheriff

4/10/26

Date

Approved as to form:

Approved via email BW/DD

Prosecuting Attorney

5/13/26

Date

Approved:
Accepted for Whatcom County:

By: _____
Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

Date