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**MEMO**

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

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

**Subject:** Memorandum of Understanding  
between Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham  
for the use of an All Hazards Alert Broadcast Warning System

**Date:** February 17, 2021

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The attached Memorandum of Understanding between Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham defines the roles and responsibilities of the respective agencies in the use of an All Hazards Alert Broadcast (AHAB) Warning Siren.

- **Background and Purpose**

In November 2020, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management obtained an AHAB to provide both tone and voice alert notification for hazardous situations arising at the Port of Bellingham (Fairhaven area). The purchase and installation of this AHAB was funded by a Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division grant, Whatcom County Contract # 202101002.

This Memorandum of Understanding defines the roles and responsibilities of the respective agencies (e.g., Whatcom County will coordinate maintenance, repair, and testing while the Port of Bellingham will provide power and maintain the area around the AHAB). Legal ownership of the AHAB remains with Whatcom County.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

No funding is associated with this Memorandum of Understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact John Gargett at 360-778-7160 or Wallace Kost at 360-778-7165.