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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  
Mount Constitution Communications Site Lease

**Date:** March 15, 2021

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Enclosed is the lease between Whatcom County and Mt. Constitution Sites, Inc. for leasing tower access and equipment space at the Mount Constitution Communications site on Orcas Island.

- 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 Mount Constitution Communications 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 December 31, 2025. Whatcom County has the right to extend the lease for three additional periods of five years each under the same terms and conditions, except for the adjustment in rent.

- Funding Amount and Source

\$22,200 for 01/01/2021-12/31/2021, with an annual rate adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (\$22,200 x 5 years = \$111,000, plus CPI adjustment). 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).