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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Donnell "Tank" Tanksley, Sheriff   
**DATE:** January 15 2026  
**SUBJECT:** North Whatcom Fire and Rescue Contract for Services  
WCC# 202509046 Amendment #1

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Enclosed for your review and signature is an amendment to WCC#202509046 between North Whatcom Fire and Rescue (NWFR) and the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) for fire investigation services on an as needed basis.

This amendment extends the end date to December 31, 2026.

**Background and Purpose**

The Whatcom County Fire Marshal's office (WCFM) is responsible for performing fire cause and origin investigation for the Whatcom County Sheriff's office (WCSO) for all fires within the Whatcom County Sheriff's office jurisdiction. During given times of the year or under special circumstances the WCFM is unable to provide this service due to staff availability. During these given time periods, the WCSO will contract with other jurisdictions to cover the Fire Investigations for the WCSO. As allowed by Whatcom County Code Item "G" Section 104.10.1. North Whatcom Fire & Rescue (NWFR) is a designated resource to provide Fire Investigation during the given time periods.

**Funding Amount and Source**

Funding will be provided from existing Sheriff's Office budget for Fire Marshall services (cost center 10003523).

Please contact Undersheriff Steve Harris at extension 6718 if you have any questions regarding the terms of this agreement.