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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
Kendall Elementary School Tower Site Lease

Date: April 12, 2021

Enclosed is the lease between Whatcom County and the Mount Baker School District for leasing tower access and equipment space at the Kendall Elementary School 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 Kendall Elementary School 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

\$0.00. Per article 3.B.(page 4), "The Base Rent ... during the Lease shall be at no cost."
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).