

**PORT OF SEATTLE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**COMMISSION AGENDA**

**Item No.** 5a

**Date of Meeting** March 23, 2010

**DATE:** March 12, 2010

**TO:** Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

**FROM:** Ron Harmon, Interim Fire Chief, Fire Department  
Randy Krause, Fire Chief, Fire Department

**SUBJECT:** Agreement between the Port of Seattle and King County for Emergency Medical Services

**Amount of This Request:** \$40,000

**Source of Funds:** Airport Development Fund

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Request Port Commission authorization for the Chief Executive Officer to enter into and implement an Interlocal Agreement with King County for Emergency Medical Services to ensure continuity of mutual aid.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Mutual aid is the name for the common practice whereby Police and Fire departments render assistance across jurisdictional boundaries to other departments in nearby cities and county areas. The Port has been involved with mutual aid agreements for over 25 years.

Consistent with RCW 39.34.080, the purpose of this Agreement is to permit the Port and County to make the most efficient use of their powers and resources by enabling them to cooperate on a basis of mutual advantage; and take advantage of economies of scale, specialty training and established systems in providing and obtaining services. This Agreement is designed to set forth the understanding, rights and responsibilities of the parties with regard to the provision of emergency medical services to the Port in the area served by the Port's Fire Department and provide second response to out-of-hospital medical emergencies.

**BACKGROUND:**

The original Agreement was implemented on January 1, 1982, with subsequent extensions and modifications dated February 8, 1985, April 3, 1987 and January 1, 1991.

**PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT**

The proposed Interlocal Agreement with King County EMS is to ensure continuity of mutual aid.

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### ***Objectives:***

The objective of this Agreement is designed to set forth the understanding, rights and responsibilities of the parties with regard to the provision of emergency medical services to the Port in the area served by the Port's Fire Department and provide second response to out-of-hospital medical emergencies.

### ***Scope of Agreement:***

The County shall provide advance life support or paramedic services to the Port in the area served by the Port's Fire Department and provide second response to out-of-hospital medical emergencies, including Multi and Mass Causality Incidents in accordance with the King County Washington Mutual Assistance and Interlocal Agreement dated January 1985, King County Multiple Causality Incident Plan, and the Regional Mutual Aid and Interlocal Government Agreement.

The Port shall be responsible for supporting or maintaining a system of basic life support services and for providing first response to out-of-hospital medical emergencies.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The cost of this Agreement (\$40,000) is included in the 2010 operating budget for the Fire Department. As such, the funding source is the Airport Development Fund. The base term of the agreement is ten years, with two ten-year options to follow, which includes a Consumer Price increase escalator or cap of five percent per year, whichever is lower. The applicable amount will be budgeted annually within the Airport Fire Department operating budget.

### **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY:**

No impact to the environment is anticipated as a result of this Agreement.

### **OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

Proposed Interlocal Agreement between the Port of Seattle and King County for Emergency Medical Services.

### **PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTION:**

Commission action has not been applicable in previous years. The original Agreement was implemented on January 1, 1982, with subsequent extensions and modifications dated February 8, 1985, April 3, 1987 and January 1, 1991.