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**Meeting Date:** April 28, 2025

**Subject:** Interlocal Agreement with SunComm for Dispatch Services

**Attachments:** Resolution 2025-26; 2025 ILA for Dispatch Services – City of Yakima  
SunComm 9-1-1 Communications Center

**Presented by:** Joseph Mehline, Public Safety Director

**Approved for Agenda by:** Dan Ford, City Manager

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**Discussion:**

In November of 2021, the City of Toppenish entered into an Interlocal agreement (ILA) with the City of Sunnyside for dispatch and related services due to the City not having the staffing to provide dispatch services for the Toppenish Police Department efficiently, economically and safely.

The City desires to terminate the existing agreement with the City of Sunnyside due to cost restraints in the current budget and enter into an agreement with the City of Yakima, SunComm 9-1-1 Communications Center for the Toppenish Public Safety Division of Police dispatch services.

The City paid the following amounts to the City of Sunnyside for dispatch services:

2022 annual amount of \$195,996.00; a monthly rate of \$16,333.00  
2023 annual amount of \$215,595.60; a monthly rate of \$17,966.30  
2024 annual amount of \$226,374.44; a monthly rate of \$18,864.62  
2025 monthly rate of \$19,807.85 which would be annual amount of \$237,694.20

Yakima provides dispatching services through the SunComm 9-1-1 Communications center located in the City of Union Gap to public agencies for the purpose of public safety dispatch services. Such public safety dispatch services include, but are not limited to, radio and telephony dispatch, alarms, emergency calls, and coordination of Mutual Aid Agreements. Having dispatch services located and operated by SunComm will provide a centralized call center for coordination of calls in the City of Toppenish.

In addition, the 2025 cost for SunComm dispatch services is \$12,940.02 per month billed quarterly, which is a savings of \$6,867.83 per month with an annual savings of \$82,413.96.

With 911 emergency and non-emergency calls being dispatched through the same communications center and the annual savings of \$82,413.96 Staff recommends approving the ILA with the City of Yakima better serves the citizens of Toppenish.

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**Fiscal Impact:** Savings of \$6,867.83 per month for the amount budgeted in 2025

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution 2025-26, authorizing the city manager to sign the ILA with the City of Yakima, SunComm 9-1-1 Communications Center.

**Alternatives:** 1) Do not adopt. 2) Forward to Study Session for further review.