
Meeting Date: May 27, 2025

Subject: Facility Use Agreement between Kittitas County and City of Toppenish

Attachments: Resolution 2025-35, Agreement

Presented by: Joseph Mehline, Public Safety Director

Approved for Agenda by: Dan Ford, City Manager

Discussion:

The Toppenish Police Department requires specific law enforcement training exercises, particularly in Vehicle Interdiction Techniques (VIT). This training primarily involves Pursuit Immobilization Technique (PIT) exercises. This agreement aims to provide the City with intermittent access to the western portion of the closed runway 7-25 for conducting VIT/PIT training.

VIT encompasses various methods to stop a vehicle, ranging from standard police procedures to more assertive tactics, and is governed by RCW 10.116.060. For an officer to initiate a pursuit, they must have completed an emergency vehicle operator's course and updated emergency vehicle operator training within the last two years, where applicable. Additionally, the officer must be certified in at least one pursuit intervention option.

Emergency vehicle operator training must include instruction on performing a risk assessment analysis. This involves the officer's ability to communicate directly with other officers engaged in the pursuit, the supervising officer (if applicable), and the dispatch agency.

This agreement for the VIT training will enable the officers to pursue a moving vehicle that is willfully resisting or ignoring the officer's attempt to stop the vehicle by increasing vehicle speed, making evasive maneuvers, or operating the vehicle in a reckless manner that endangers the safety of the community or the officer.

Staff recommends approving the Facility Use Agreement with Kittitas County to facilitate necessary training in order to keep the community and officers safe.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,000.00 per year, included in the 2025 Training Budget.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 2025-35, authorizing the City Manager to sign the Facility Use Agreement with Kittitas County.

Alternatives: 1) Do Not Adopt, 2) Forward to Study Session for further review.