



City of Tualatin

## CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

**FROM:** Bill Steele, Chief of Police

**DATE:** May 23, 2022

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### **SUBJECT:**

Consideration of **Resolution 5615-22** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County for the Provision of a Digital Forensics Investigator and Access to the Washington County Digital Forensics Laboratory

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Parties through a joint and cooperative effort developed a jointly operated Washington County Digital Forensics Laboratory ("WCDFL") program that focuses on helping police officers and prosecutors gather computer and digital evidence in criminal investigations and ultimately help the community obtain more timely justice, obtain evidence more quickly, and develop stronger cases.

Washington County is hiring a Digital Forensics Investigator to serve as a key staff member in the Digital Forensics Laboratory with expertise in examining and analyzing mobile devices, such as cell phones and tablets, and computers, including desktops and laptops. A Digital Forensics specialist will be an asset to investigations concerning a wide variety of offenses. The Digital Forensics Investigator will also be available to collect and preserve digital evidence from crime scenes and provide investigators across Washington County with expert knowledge and analysis.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Police budget for Contract Services includes \$14,000 for the Digital Forensics Lab. This contract will be in force through June 30, 2026.

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution 5615-22
- Intergovernmental Agreement