

TO: City Council
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief
DATE: May 19, 2026
SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with the Port of Olympia for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Radio Equipment

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Port of Olympia for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Radio Equipment.

The Memorandum of Understanding was recommended for approval on the consent calendar at the May 12, 2026 Public Health and Safety Committee meeting.

2) Background:

The Tumwater Fire Department provides Aircraft Rescue Firefighting services at the Olympia Regional Airport in partnership with the Port of Olympia. Communication between responding fire units, the control tower, and aircraft is critical when responding to an emergency. Special radios are needed since fire units typically operate on a different radio band than the control tower and aircraft. Under this agreement the Port will provide five portable radios for Tumwater Fire units.

3) Policy Support:

Focus Area: Health and Safety

Goal Statement: Provide and sustain quality public safety services.

4) Alternatives:

None

5) Fiscal Notes:

None

6) Attachments:

A. MOU with the Port of Olympia for Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Radio Equipment