

TO: City Council
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief
DATE: October 17, 2023
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with Pierce College for Paramedic Training

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement and future extensions with Pierce College for Paramedic Training

2) Background:

The Tumwater Fire Department partners with Thurston County Medic One to provide Advanced Life Support paramedic services for the residents of Tumwater and all of Thurston County. Tumwater Fire Department paramedic/firefighters are recognized as highly skilled healthcare professionals. Part of the required paramedic training process is for students to work with a preceptor in the field providing supervised care. Tumwater Fire has partnered with several paramedic programs to provide field clinical training opportunities for paramedic students or interns. Pierce College is starting a new paramedic training program and has requested to affiliate with the City as a student training site. The proposed agreement is substantially similar to the existing agreement that the City has with Tacoma Community College. On October 10, 2023 the Public Health and Safety Committee recommended referral to the full Council for approval.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities and Goals 2023-24: Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services

4) Alternatives:

☐ Do not recommend approval

5) Fiscal Notes:

None

6) Attachments:

A. Interlocal Agreement with Pierce College for Paramedic Training