

TO: City Council
FROM: Brian Hurley
DATE: May 14, 2024
SUBJECT: New Medic Unit Proposal Briefing

1) Recommended Action:

No action requested at this time. Any proposed agreement would be brought to Council.

2) Background:

Thurston County Medic One is recognized as the first county-wide tiered Emergency Medical Services response system in the nation. Since 1974, Medic One has partnered with the City of Tumwater to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) services in Tumwater and Thurston County. The City of Olympia and Lacey Fire District 3 also provide ALS services under contract with Medic One. There are currently seven paramedic units providing ALS level patient care throughout the County. Due to increasing response times, Medic One is proposing to add an 8th medic unit. Data analysis has shown that the preferred location for the unit is Station T2 in Tumwater. The Medic One Operations Committee has recommended to the Emergency Medical Services Council that Medic One enter into negotiations with the City of Tumwater on an agreement to host the proposed new medic unit. The proposed unit would be placed in service by January 1, 2026.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities and Goals 2025-26 (Proposed)

D. Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services

- Ensure timely, efficient, and effective public safety response in our community.
 - Explore and implement partnerships to improve efficiency of service delivery.
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4) Alternatives:

☐ N/A

5) Fiscal Notes:

Under the current Advanced Life Support agreement with Medic One, the City is reimbursed for 80% of paramedic employee costs. The City will enter into negotiations with Medic One on a contract amendment for costs associated with any new paramedic firefighter staff.

6) Attachments:

A. None