

TO: City Council
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief
DATE: November 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Tacoma Community College Affiliation Agreement

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the TCC Affiliation Agreement

2) Background:

For over 30 years the Tumwater Fire Department has been a training site for paramedic students from Tacoma Community College. As part of their training program, paramedic students are required to ride on a paramedic unit and work with a preceptor to develop their skills as a paramedic practitioner. Students are under direct supervision of a Tumwater Fire Department paramedic preceptor who monitors the student interaction with patients. A number of former TCC paramedic students have been hired as paramedic/firefighters in Thurston County, including several in Tumwater. The Fire Department supports this continued partnership which helps train paramedics who may serve our community.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities 2023-2024:
Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services

4) Alternatives:

☐ Do not authorize

5) Fiscal Notes:

Although no direct financial impact, the increased availability of candidates for paramedic positions may decrease employee costs created due to vacant positions.

6) Attachments:

A. Tacoma Community College Affiliation Agreement