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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 27, 2020

**DATE:** Thursday, September 17, 2020

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Darin Balaam, Sheriff

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve the NLTFPD Interlocal Agreement — RAVEN Fire Training, Monitoring and Suppression Personnel and Equipment between the County of Washoe on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District in the amount of [\$10,000.00], for the period of execution by all parties through June 30, 2021, for the provision, when requested of a helicopter or other aircraft and personnel and approve reimbursement for services rendered throughout the year by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be paid in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Regional Aviation Unit (RAVEN). (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

This Interlocal Agreement — RAVEN Fire Training, Monitoring and Suppression Personnel and Equipment between the County of Washoe on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District (NLTFPD) reimburses the Sheriff's Office for services rendered throughout the year by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, including use of the RAVEN aircraft and personnel.

**Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, secure and healthy communities.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On November 19, 2019, the Board approved item #11.C.3., the Interlocal Agreement — RAVEN Fire Training, Monitoring and Suppression Personnel and Equipment with North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District.

On August 28, 2018, the Board approved item #10.L.4., the Interlocal Agreement — RAVEN Fire Training, Monitoring and Suppression Personnel and Equipment with North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

On June 13, 2017, the Board approved item #5.J.3., the Interlocal Agreement — RAVEN Fire Training, Monitoring and Suppression Personnel and Equipment with North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District.

On June 28, 2016, the Board approved item #5.L.4., the Interlocal Agreement — RAVEN Fire Training, Monitoring and Suppression Personnel and Equipment with North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District.

The Board has approved the Interlocal Agreement — RAVEN Fire Training, Monitoring and Suppression Personnel and Equipment with North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District since 2010.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2007, the need for an airborne firefighting asset dedicated to the protection of Washoe County citizens and property was identified. Because the WCSO already owned an aircraft, the HH-1H "Huey" which was capable of fulfilling this mission, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners and Board of Fire Commissioners appropriated the needed funds to purchase a belly mounted tank. The intent and desired outcome of that purchase was the development of a program in which the Huey could be employed as an initial attack asset on wildland fires within Washoe County and North Lake Tahoe Protection District. Since that time, RAVEN has participated in combating over 80 wildland fires. It has supported firefighting efforts for local as well as federal agencies, ensuring the safety, well-being and quality of life for all resident of the District. The acceptance of this Agreement continues this partnership with our local fire district ensuring they have a dedicated initial attack asset available to them for fire season.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The funds received per this Interlocal Agreement will be used for the operation of the RAVEN program and reimburse the Sheriff's Office for the costs incurred supporting North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District. The adopted FY 20/21 budget includes the \$10,000.00 revenue and associated expenditure authority in the RAVEN cost center-150700.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the NLTFPD Interlocal Agreement — RAVEN Fire Training, Monitoring and Suppression Personnel and Equipment between the County of Washoe on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District in the amount of [\$10,000.00], for the period of execution by all parties through June 30, 2021, for the provision, when requested of a helicopter or other aircraft and personnel and approve reimbursement for services rendered throughout the year by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be paid in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Regional Aviation Unit (RAVEN).

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation a possible motion would be:  
“Move to approve the NLTFPD Interlocal Agreement — RAVEN Fire Training, Monitoring and Suppression Personnel and Equipment between the County of Washoe on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District in the amount of [\$10,000.00], for the period of execution by all parties through June 30, 2021, for the provision, when requested of a helicopter or other aircraft and personnel and approve reimbursement for services rendered throughout the year by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be paid in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Regional Aviation Unit (RAVEN).”