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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 14th, 2025

DATE: November 24th, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Francisco Gamboa, Lieutenant, Operations
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) access agreement between Renown Health and Washoe County Sheriff's Office to allow Washoe County Sheriff's Office RAVEN Unit to have access to Renown Health's helipad facilities for the purpose of patient transport and authorize the Sheriff to sign the Cooperative Agreement MOU. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve the access agreement MOU between Renown Health and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. The MOU agrees to allow Washoe County Sheriff's Office RAVEN Unit to have access to Renown's helipad facilities for the purpose of patient transport.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure, and Healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Periodically, the Board approves cooperative agreements as necessary during the fiscal year to support department reorganization and realignment of resources to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has assessed its operational requirements and identified an opportunity to significantly enhance public safety and law enforcement services through an access agreement with Renown Health.

Historically, when the WCSO RAVEN Unit has transported a patient requiring medical attention, the process necessitated a secondary transfer to either a Care Flight helicopter or a ground ambulance before reaching a medical facility.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

The proposed MOU aims to streamline patient transport during exigent circumstances by granting the WCSO RAVEN Unit direct access to Renown's helipad, eliminating the need for intermediate transfers.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should there be additional costs associated with this MOU, they will be recognized in Cost Center 150700, General Ledger 710594 and absorbed within the Sheriff's Office FY25 adopted budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the MOU access agreement between the Renown Health and Washoe County Sheriff's Office to allow Washoe County Sheriff's Office RAVEN unit to have access to Renown Health's helipad facilities for the purpose of patient transport and authorize the Sheriff to sign the Cooperative Agreement MOU.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:
Move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) access agreement between the Renown Health and Washoe County Sheriff's Office to allow Washoe County Sheriff's Office RAVEN unit to have access to Renown Health's helipad facilities for the purpose of patient transport and authorize the Sheriff to sign the Cooperative Agreement MOU.