

RESOLUTION 2018A-2

A RESOLUTION OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 12 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING FUNDING OF A NEW COUNTYWIDE 911 EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, public safety depends on having reliable and effective emergency 911 radio communications; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS), has provided a dependable countywide emergency radio service since 1999 that enables our first responders to effectively respond to 911 emergency calls in our area; and

WHEREAS, SERS has two decades of technical expertise in developing, acquiring, installing, operating, maintaining, and managing the countywide emergency radio system; and

WHEREAS, the SERS existing analog, 800 MHz radio system is now outdated and about to reach its end-of-life. When that happens in 2020 and the existing system can no longer be sustained, it will become increasingly difficult and eventually impossible to maintain reliable radio communications between 911 dispatchers and our first responders; and

WHEREAS, independent expert analysis by a national consultant has determined that a new replacement P-25 radio system using modern digital technology will substantially reduce risk of future radio system failure and provide better audio voice quality for simulcast, two-way, interoperable emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, other counties of similar size in our state have already taken action to fund and replace their outdated 800 MHz radio system with a new P-25 digital radio system; and

WHEREAS, SERS in engaged with Snohomish County in a competitive bidding, procurement process to select a qualified vendor to provide new countywide 911 radio system equipment and services; and

WHEREAS, equitable countywide funding for a new radio system must be authorized and secured to finance a new radio system that has a potential cost preliminary estimated at \$60 to \$75 million.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Snohomish County Fire Protection District 12 Board Of Commissioners hereby adopt the following:

1. The Snohomish County Fire Protection District 12 Board Of Commissioners support taking necessary actions as soon as possible to replace the outdated SERS emergency radio system.
2. The Snohomish County Fire Protection District 12 Board Of Commissioners respectfully urge that Snohomish County elected officials approve the resources necessary to purchase, design, and install a new, digital, countywide, P25 compliant, 911 based emergency services radio system.
3. The Snohomish County Fire Protection District 12 Board Of Commissioners supports the County taking actions necessary to authorize a dedicated countywide equitable funding source for the new 911 based emergency services radio system.
4. Adopted at the Snohomish County Fire Protection District 12 Board Of Commissioners regular meeting, this 21st day of March, 2018.

Chairperson

Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

District Secretary