



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 6, 2017

Motion 14943

Proposed No. 2017-0230.1

Sponsors Lambert

1 A MOTION authorizing the King County sheriff to accept
2 a donation of one hundred fifty automated external
3 defibrillators.

4 WHEREAS, public safety and emergency medical services are among the most
5 important services provided to King County residents and visitors, and

6 WHEREAS, at the beginning of 2012, Public Health - Seattle & King County and
7 the King County sheriff's office worked in partnership to coordinate emergency medical
8 and public safety services by equipping sheriff's deputies' vehicles with automated
9 external defibrillators using emergency medical services levy funding, and

10 WHEREAS the partnership was able to acquire automated external defibrillators
11 and equip seventy-eight vehicles, along with providing training for deputies and
12 emergency dispatchers. Sheriff's deputies are available in the field and are able to
13 respond to emergencies quickly and sometimes arrive at a scene prior to emergency
14 medical personnel, and

15 WHEREAS, deputies participating in the automated external defibrillator
16 program volunteered to receive this extra training and respond to medical emergencies,
17 and communications specialists at the sheriff's office communications center took on
18 additional duties and underwent specialized training to support the automated external
19 defibrillator program, and

20 WHEREAS, deputies have since that time responded to many medical
21 emergencies, and on numerous occasions, arrived at the scene first and employed their
22 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator skills and equipment,
23 successfully saving multiple lives, and

24 WHEREAS, rapid access to effective emergency care dramatically improves the
25 survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury, and

26 WHEREAS, King County's regional partnerships and innovative deployment of
27 automated external defibrillators contributes to achieving the nation's best cardiac arrest
28 survival rate, which is now fifty-two percent, and the region's reputation as the best place
29 in the world to survive a heart attack, and

30 WHEREAS, on March 6, 2017, a sheriff's deputy suffered a heart attack while on
31 a driving-under-the-influence call and one of the deputy's partners had an automated
32 external defibrillator unit in the trunk and was able to use it to save the deputy's life, and

33 WHEREAS, the sheriff has over the last few years carefully managed its budget
34 to allow for expenditure on automated external defibrillators and now has two hundred
35 eighty units in sheriff's office patrol cars, and

36 WHEREAS, the sheriff determined that the sheriff's office needs one hundred
37 fifty more units, for a total of four hundred thirty units, to outfit every single patrol car in
38 King County with an automated external defibrillator unit, and

39 WHEREAS, Sheriff Urquhart appeared on KIRO's Ron and Don radio program to
40 raise money for the outstanding units, and the Snoqualmie Tribe made a donation of one
41 hundred fifty more units, a donation that approximates one hundred twenty-five thousand
42 dollars, and

43 WHEREAS, the generosity of the Snoqualmie Tribe means that every sheriff's
44 office patrol car in King County will be outfitted with an automated external defibrillator
45 unit capable of saving someone's life who is suffering from cardiac arrest;

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

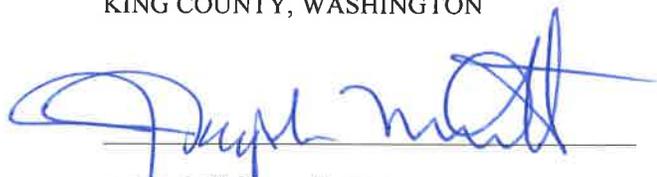
47 The King County sheriff's office is authorized to accept the donation of one
48 hundred fifty automated external defibrillators from the Snoqualmie Tribe.

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Motion 14943 was introduced on 5/22/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/5/2017, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST



Melani Pedrosa, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None