



## **REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**

### **Eastern State Hospital – City of Medical Lake Community Policing Program**

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## Executive Summary

The 2025 Washington State Legislature enacted Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5167, the 2025-27 Operating Budget which provides:

*\$320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and \$320,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the salaries, benefits, supplies, and equipment for one full-time investigator, one full-time police officer, and one full-time community services officer for policing efforts at eastern state hospital. The department must collect data from the city of Medical Lake on the use of the funds and the number of calls responded to by the community policing program and submit a report with this information to the office of financial management and the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature each December of the fiscal biennium.*

The proviso also requires the Department of Social and Health Services to collect data from the City of Medical Lake on the use of the funds and the number of calls responded to by the community policing program and submit a report with this information to the Office of Financial Management and the appropriate fiscal committees of the Legislature each December of the fiscal biennium.

Eastern State Hospital and the City of Medical Lake have maintained formal and informal arrangements for a variety of services to support the operations and safety of both parties. One example of this is the City of Medical Lake extending their policing services to property owned by DSHS.

Policing services have been provided by the City of Medical Lake for over 50 years. To achieve effective policing services, the City of Medical Lake contracts with the Spokane County Sheriff’s Office to provide the service of responding to calls on both the city grounds and DSHS properties. The following sections include an overview of police protection, billing totals, police protections cost details, and future collaboration.

## Police Protection

The Spokane County Sheriff’s Office, on behalf of the City of Medical Lake, provides patrol services and emergency police protection (911), evidence preservation and incident investigation at ESH and adjacent areas.

The following table (**Table 1**) shows data during the third quarter of the community policing program regarding the number of calls made from the Hospital to SCSD for incident response and the number of times SCSD was on campus for non-emergent duties.

**Table 1: Total Calls for Service and Reponses October 2024-September 2025**

	<b>SINGLE-UNIT RESPONSES</b>	<b>MULTIPLE-UNIT RESPONSES</b>	<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>
2024 Q4 (Oct. – Dec.)	40	34	78
2025 Q1 (Jan. – Mar.)	51	36	87
2025 Q2 (Apr. – Jun.)	47	47	84
2025 Q3 (Jul. – Sep.)	59	62	121
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>376</b>

## Billing Totals

The City of Medical Lake invoiced DSHS for services starting on 10/1/2024 through 9/30/2025 which included the following:

Police Protection (ESSB 5187 sec 202(4)) (Quarterly Billing):	\$320,000
Police Protection (ESSB 5187 sec 202(5)) (Annual Billing):	\$25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$345,000</b>

## Police Protection Cost Details

The Spokane County Sheriff's Office bills the City of Medical Lake an hourly charge for deputies responding to calls at a rate of \$150 per hour, covering wages, vehicle use, and administrative overhead. On average, calls to DSHS properties take four hours from initiation to resolution.

An estimated cost for calls during the period: 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025

	<b>Calls</b>	<b>Rate*</b>	<b>Average hours per call</b>	<b>Total</b>
Single Unit (one Deputy)	197	\$150.00	4	\$118,200
Multiple Unit (two Deputies)	179	\$300.00	4	\$214,800
			<b>Total cost of DSHS facility responses:</b>	<b>\$333,000</b>

*\*The rate is \$150 per hour, the rate for multiple units assumes 2 deputies.*

## Future Collaboration

The City of Medical Lake, Eastern State Hospital, and Lakeland Village Residential Habilitation Center are key partners in the community. It is our desire to organize a quarterly meeting with leadership at ESH, the city of Medical Lake and the Spokane County Sheriff's Office to bridge any communication gaps and ensure mutually beneficial outcomes.