



# INFRASTRUCTURE SPOTLIGHT

## Okanogan County Sheriff's Office Radio Network Improvement Project

Okanogan County Sheriff's Office is almost done upgrading its emergency radio system to better support police, fire, and EMS agencies. The original system was outdated and limited, making it harder for responders to communicate during emergencies.

The project began in 2020 as the Sheriff's Office started exploring solutions to improve coverage and reliability. At a later stage, they applied through our regional prioritization process to help move the effort forward. The Economic Alliance was proud to support a project with such clear, lasting benefits for public safety across Okanogan County. By partnering with the Washington State Department of Transportation, the County will now join a statewide digital radio network that offers more coverage, better audio quality, and room to grow.

The first phase of work was completed in early October, with equipment tested to confirm functionality. The County is currently awaiting the final invoice from the vendor. No formal

economic or financial studies were conducted for this portion of the project. Next steps include completing the installation of radio consoles in the dispatch center by the end of October.

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