

WHATCOM COUNTY

Emergency Medical Services
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Mike Hilley
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MEMORANDUM

To: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

From: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager

Re: Interlocal Agreement/City of Bellingham Fire Department; for the provision of the Paramedic Training Program

Date: October 1, 2025

Enclosed is the C#202509011

- **Background and Purpose**

This Interlocal Agreement is for the 2026 Paramedic Training Class. Students recommended by Bellingham Fire Department (BFD), Whatcom County Fire District 7 (WCFD7), Camano Island Fire and Rescue (CFR) and Marysville Fire District will participate in a joint EMS Paramedic training course funded through the EMS Levy. All four agencies will enter into an interlocal agreement to participate in the 2026 paramedic training class.

Bellingham Fire Department – Four (4) Students

Whatcom County Fire Protection District 7 – Two (2) Students

Camano Fire and Rescue – One (1) Student

Marysville Fire District – Three (3) Students

This interlocal agreement is between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to compensate for the Paramedic training program, including program administration, student wages and benefits, preceptor training, and class supplies. There are no significant differences as compared to past contracts (C#202408014).

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding source is the EMS Levy Fund, 12401001, not to exceed \$1,008,442.00

Increases are determined annually by the previous year simple average January through June CPI-W+1% for Seattle Tacoma, Bellevue; provided, however, that such automatic adjustment shall not be less than 3.0%. (2023 to 2028 EMS Levy Plan)

Please contact Mike Hilley at (360) 927-1155 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.