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EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

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County Executive

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Whatcom County Council Members  
**From:** Mike Hilley, EMS Manager  
**Subject:** Interlocal Agreement for the provision of the Paramedic Training Program  
**Date:** July 10, 2020

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## **BACKGROUND:**

In 2019, paramedic students recommended from Bellingham Fire Department (BFD) and Fire Protection District #7 (FD7) participated in a joint EMS Paramedic training course funded through the EMS Levy. A second paramedic training class was initiated in January, 2020. The interlocal agreements were drafted for participation by three agencies.

Bellingham Fire Department  
Fire Protection District #7  
North Whatcom Fire Authority (NWFA)

This interlocal agreement is between Whatcom County and Bellingham Fire Department to compensate for the paramedic training programs costs associated with administering the class, the acquisition of all classroom equipment and materials for the students recommended by all three agencies, the preceptor and evaluation fees for both the BFD and NWFA paramedic students and finally, for the Bellingham Fire Department student wages.

## **FUNDING SOURCE:**

The paramedic training program is funded through the EMS Levy as approved by Council in the biennial budget process.

## **ACTION:**

Request authority to enter into the interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Fire Department for the provision of Paramedic Training.