

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/Whatcom Fire Protection District #7; for the provision of the Paramedic Training Program

Date: October 1, 2025

Enclosed is the C#202508031

- **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 – Five (5) 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 Whatcom County Fire Protection District #7 to compensate for the Paramedic training program costs associated with program administration, student wages and benefits, preceptor training, and class supplies.

- **Differences from Previous Contract**

This year's contract includes allowance for two students, instead of one, and the contract has increased \$5,543.58 per student in accordance with CPI-W+1% as explained below. Last year's contract number is C#202408013.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding source is the EMS Levy Fund, 12401001, not to exceed \$345,537.16

2026 Wage increases are determined annually by the previous year (2025) 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.