

MEMORANDUM



To: Whatcom County Council Members
From: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager
Subject: Interlocal Agreement – Bellingham Technical College
Paramedic Training
Date: February 1, 2022

BACKGROUND:

Whatcom County Council approved budget authority for a 2022 paramedic training class. Students recommended from Bellingham Fire Department (BFD) and Fire Protection District #7 (FD7) will participate in a joint EMS Paramedic training course funded through the EMS Levy. The Paramedic Class is academically supported by Bellingham Technical College where the college provides accreditation services as well as student and instructor support through labs, hospital affiliation agreements and with technical assistance related to compliance with state and national accreditation commissions.

This interlocal agreement is between Whatcom County and Bellingham Technical College to compensate for the accreditation and technical support services for the 2022 Paramedic Training Class

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.