

WHATCOM COUNTY

Emergency Medical Services
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MEMORANDUM

To: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

From: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager

Re: Interlocal Agreement/Camano Fire and Rescue; for the provision of the Paramedic Training Program

Date: October 8, 2025

Enclosed is the C#202509013

- **Background and Purpose**

This Interlocal Agreement is for the 2026 Paramedic Training Class. Students recommended by the 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 Camano Island Fire and Rescue to reimburse the EMS Levy up to **\$55,600.00** for the Paramedic training program costs associated with program administration, preceptor training, evaluation fees, and class supplies

- **Differences from Prior Contract**

Tuition and Fees Increase: Camano Fire and Rescue's 2026 Paramedic Class Fees for Out of County Students has increased to a tuition cost of **\$55,600** as compared to their last contract for the 2025 paramedic class of \$29,356 (C#202408015). This increase is in response to rising costs and the recognition that each participant should bear a more equitable share of the common costs related to instructor labor contracts, increase of supplies and training materials, student equipment, accreditation and BTC fees and other inflationary items in the Paramedic School Budget.

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