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**To:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

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**Subject:** 2024 to 2029 Advanced Life Support Inter-Local Agreements  
City of Bellingham Fire Department (BFD)  
Whatcom County Fire Protection District 7 (FD7)

**Substitute Language:** AB2023-766

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#### Background and Purpose

In response to the Bellingham Fire Department International Association of Firefighters Local 106 (IAFF 106) concerns regarding the 2024 to 2029 ALS contract language, both the City of Bellingham and Fire District 7 Fire Chief's met with IAFF Local 106 leadership on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Fire District 7 has submitted updated language related to the Scope of Work Exhibit A; Item 2, a and b. for the Fire District 7 ALS contract.

The updated language shows the original and edited Scope of Work for the EMS Captain at Fire District 7.

**Updated Language: Exhibit A; Item 2 a and b.**

#### EMS CAPTAIN

**District 7 shall provide one (1) EMS Captain available 12 hours per day, 365 days per year, of contracted service beginning July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2029, with future expansion to 24 hours per day and 365 days per year, at a date yet to be determined, and shall meet the following criteria:**

- a. The EMS Captain shall be furnished with, and shall utilize, a utility-type vehicle equipped with essential equipment and supplies allowing for Paramedic level care to be rendered to patients consistent with standards identified in RCW 18.73.
- b. In addition to supervisory duties performed for the District, ~~this the~~ EMS Captain shall be available for response within the boundaries of the District while on duty ~~countywide when "call for service surge" exceeds paramedic ambulance capacity.~~

This updated language is provided by the Fire Chief of Fire District 7 as a "good faith" effort to resolve the concerns between the two labor groups. (IAFF 106 and Fire District 7 Firefighters Guild) as an outcome of the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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