



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council
FROM: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager
RE: Bellingham Fire Department Paramedic Training
DATE: 03/22/2021

Enclosed is a contract between Bellingham Fire Department (BFD) and Whatcom County to operate the 2021 Paramedic Training Program and to support two eligible BFD firefighter EMTs' participation in the course.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

On February 25, 2021 the EMS Finance committee reviewed the proposed paramedic training budget and recommended it for review by the Technical Advisory Board (TAB) and The EMS Oversight Board (EOB). On March 10th the EOB reviewed and recommended the paramedic training budget for council approval. This budget proposal includes the participation of six fire fighter EMTs, two from Bellingham Fire Department and the remaining four from other fire agencies. The budget also includes the costs for training administration through Bellingham Fire Department as outlined in Exhibit A, Program Budget. Both the EMS Finance Committee and EOB approved the 2021 training budget for recommendation to the county council with the caveat that a comprehensive paramedic training plan be finalized for review and consideration of the Finance Committee before additional classes are recommended.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding in the amount of \$579,153 will be provided through the EMS Levy Fund.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

Costs are consistent with the previous class respective to the number of students participating.

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