


**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

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Jack Louws
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council
FROM: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager 
RE: Interagency Agreement for Paramedic Training
DATE: February 1, 2019

Enclosed are two (3) originals of an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County, Bellingham Technical College (BTC) and the City of Bellingham for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The EMS Oversight Board provided unanimous support of the recommendation to establish a countywide paramedic program. The program was established between Whatcom County, Bellingham Technical College and the City of Bellingham (Bellingham Fire Department). The first quarter of the new Paramedic Course program began in October. This contract provides for compensation to Bellingham Technical College for the Paramedic Training Program.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The total costs associated with setting up and operating the Paramedic School is approximately \$834,000. The Levy will cover the costs for setting up the school over the next two years as BTC phases in the tuition based model. With the award of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program of approximately \$550,000 the costs to the EMS Fund will be drastically reduced. This contract will cover the costs incurred by BTC in the amount of \$56,000 + expenses for the Accreditation and the Course Director as outlined in Exhibit A, budget.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This a revised version of the previous agreement approved by Council on 12/4/18. Modifications were requested and made by all three agencies.

Please contact Mike Hilley, EMS Managers at extension 5209 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Enclosures