

WHATCOM COUNTY

Emergency Medical Services
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MEMORANDUM

To: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
From: Deborah Arthur, EMS Manager
Re: 2026 Contract Amendment: Whatcom County Fire District 7
Date: November 20, 2025

Dear Executive Sidhu,
Please find enclosed the contract amendment for your consideration and approval.

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County Fire Protection District 7: Addition of Lateral Paramedic Training Funding to contract [C#202508031](#)

Whatcom County Fire District 7 (WCFD7) has identified a strong lateral paramedic candidate for 2026 and has a second potential candidate expected later in the training cycle. To meet these needs, this amendment to Contract C#202508031 adds funding for up to two (2) lateral paramedic hires in 2026.

This amendment increases the maximum contract amount by \$149,951, resulting in a new total contract value of \$495,488.16.

(See contract amendment for details.)

Funding Amounts and Source

Amendment is funded through the EMS Levy Fund 12401001 and is consistent with the EMS Levy Plan (2023–2028).

Summary of Requested Actions

WCEMS Administration respectfully requests approval of the following amendment:

1. Amendment to the WCFD7 Contract (C#202508031)
 - Adds reimbursement for up to two lateral paramedics
 - Increases total contract by \$149,951
 - Adds new Exhibit C section for lateral program funding

Please contact Deborah Arthur at (360) 927-1155 or darthur@co.whatcom.wa.us with any questions regarding this request or the associated contracts.