



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council

FROM: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager

RE: North Whatcom Fire & Rescue Paramedic Training

DATE: 03/22/2021

Enclosed is a contract between North Whatcom Fire & Rescue (NWFR) and Whatcom in support of two eligible firefighter EMTs to participate in the Whatcom County paramedic training 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. Both the Finance and EOB approved the 2021 training budget, inclusive of the NWFR, for recommendation to the 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.

Upon graduation, these students will be transferred to Bellingham Fire Department to begin their careers as paramedics serving on ALS units.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding in the amount of \$236,000 will be provided through the EMS Levy Fund.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

There are no significant changes to the first agreement as the scope and compensation are very similar.

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