

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Whatcom County Council Members  
**From:** Mike Hilley, EMS Manager  
**Subject:** Interlocal Agreement for the provision of the Paramedic Training Program  
**Date:** November 24, 2021

---

## **BACKGROUND:**

Whatcom County Council approved budget authority for a 2022 paramedic training class. Students recommended from Bellingham Fire Department (BFD) and Fire Protection District #7 (FD7) and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue will participate in a joint EMS Paramedic training course funded through the EMS Levy. All three agencies will enter into an interlocal agreement to participate in this paramedic training class.

Bellingham Fire Department  
Fire Protection District #7  
North Whatcom Fire Authority (NWFA)

This interlocal agreement is between Whatcom County and Bellingham Fire Department to compensate for the paramedic training programs costs associated with program administration, student wages and benefits, preceptor training and class supplies.

## **FUNDING SOURCE:**

The paramedic training program is funded through the EMS Levy as approved by Council in the biennial budget process.

## **ACTION:**

Request authority to enter into the interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Fire Department for the provision of Paramedic Training.