



Whatcom County Washington

Fire/EMS Assessment Project

December 3, 2024

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Project Team




Study goals

This independent study will review the structures, staffing, budgets, and service delivery of the current systems and identify opportunities



Make recommendations for further collaboration and or consolidation. Additionally, the study will identify potential benefits and drawbacks of these



Enhanced partnerships and/or consolidations as well as cost and savings estimates for proposed changes.

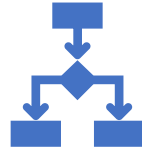
Overall Approach



Collaborative and interactive process



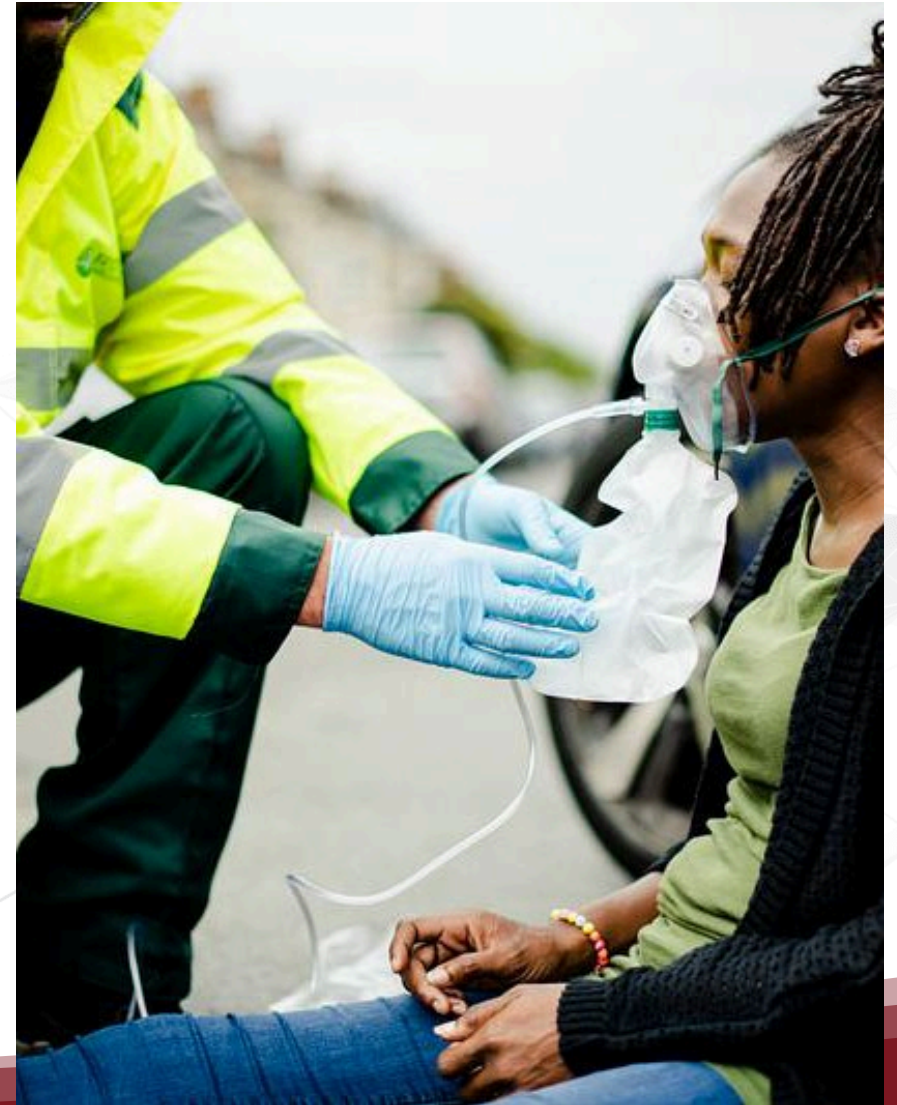
Stakeholder engagement/input throughout



Controlled, systematic, common-sense approach



Open and honest findings



Project Scope of Work

Task I – Discovery

- Pre- Data collection and review
- Success of Project

Deliverables

- Schedule Project Kick-off Meeting

Task II – Kick off – Outreach and Engagement

- On site meetings/virtual meetings
- Fire District management
- EMS levy management
- Facility tours if on site
- Review of data collection
- Review and Analysis



Project Scope of Work

Task III – Assessment Findings/Draft Recommendations

- Analysis of data and compilation
- Review of GIS mapping and plotting/station locations
- Review of unincorporated areas
- Meeting standards metrics NFPA 1710/1720 and ISO
- Staffing and shift analysis
- MOU's/JPA's, other agreements
- SWOT analysis principals
- Input from Stakeholders and readjustment if necessary

Deliverables

- Draft Report with recommendations



Project Scope of Work

Task IV – Final Report

- Actionable final report
- Detailed plan for a future roadmap
- Presentation to the Board

Deliverables

- Final Report



Stakeholder Interviews Completed

EMS Manager

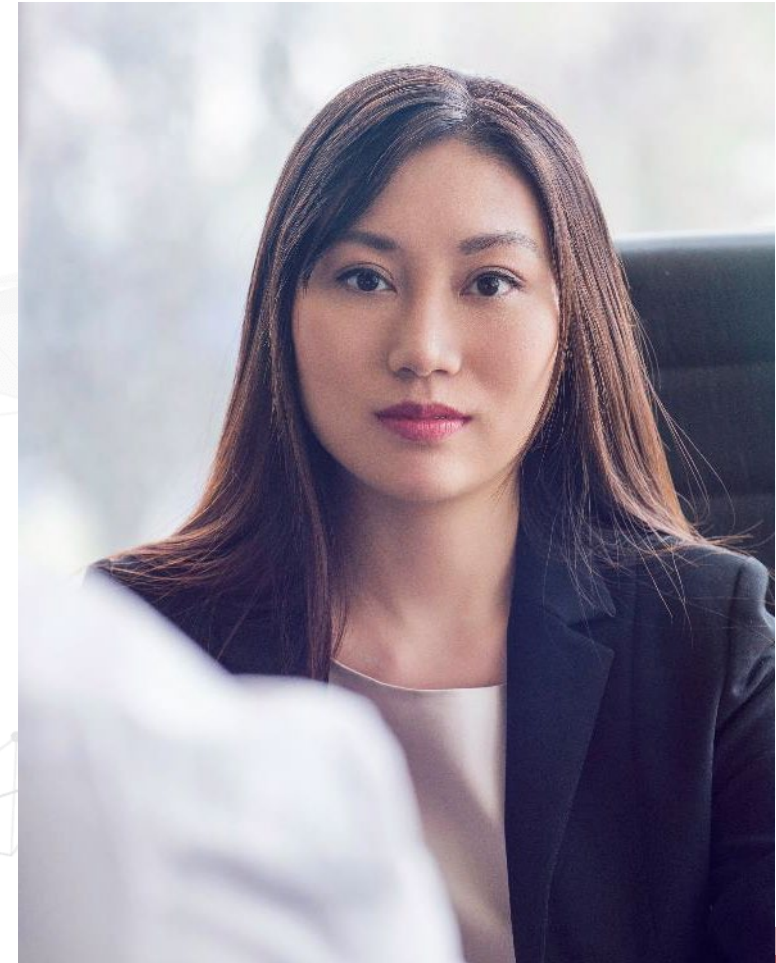
Cascade EMS

County Chiefs representative

IAFF representative

District 21

** Some other Districts could not engage this week but did reach out to MCP. MCP will reschedule another on site visit and/or host virtual meetings with others. **



Name	Agency	Address	MCP rep	Date/Time
Jim Petrie	District 17	4332 Sucia Dr, Ferndale	Rick/Jason	12/2 09:00
Bill Hewitt	Bellingham Fire	1800 Broadway, Bellingham	Rick	12/2 13:00
Hank Malang	District 16	2036 Valley Highway 9, Acme	Jason	12/2 13:00
Scott Crowe	District 18	431 Cain Lake Rd, Seopro	Rick/Jason	12/2 15:30
Mike Lish	District 11	3809 Legoe Bar Rd, Lummi	Rick	12/3 09:00
Ben Boyko	District 7	2020 Washington St, Ferndale	Jason	12/3 09:00
Whatcom Council	Council	311 Grand Ave, Bellingham	Rick/Jason	12/3 14:00
Mitchel Nolze	SWFA	4518 Cable St, Bellingham	Rick/Jason	12/4 11:00
Mike Noonan	Lynden Fire	415 4 th St, Lynden	Rick	12/4 13:30
Mike Hilley	EMS office	1500 N State St, Suite 205	Rick	12/5 11:00
Whatcom Fire Chiefs	WFCA	6081 Church Rd, Ferndale	Rick	12/5 15:00

Project Timeline

	Project Start		
Name	Fall 2024	Winter into Spring 2025	Spring/Summer 2025
WHATCOM COUNTY PROJECT			
ITEMS REMAINING TO BE COMPLETED			
Stakeholder Interviews			
Compilation of data and follow up questions			
MCP assessing data			
MCP draft report writing			
Touchpoint calls with agencies if additional information is needed			
Finalize draft report			
Review by leadership and corrections to draft			
Final Report development			
Final Report delivery			



Thank You.
Questions, comments?

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