

## MEMORANDUM



**To:** Whatcom County Council Members  
**From:** Mike Hilley, EMS Manager  
**Subject:** Interlocal Agreement to recover costs to house a Paramedic Unit in Lynden, WA at Fire Station 75  
**Date:** July 17, 2023

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### BACKGROUND:

On March 14, 2022, Whatcom County Council executed contract number 202201031 with the City of Lynden for the reimbursement of costs associated with the implementation of a 5<sup>th</sup> Medic Unit at Lynden Fire Station 75. Those costs included construction upgrades to Lynden Fire Station 75 which house a Paramedic Unit. The upgrades now accommodate up to three Firefighter/Paramedics with living spaces (bedrooms, storage of medical equipment and supplies, personal protective equipment) and indoor parking/storage of a Paramedic Unit funded by the current Whatcom County Emergency Medical Services (WCEMS) Levy. While these initial costs were captured in the now expired contract. Additional cost were incurred to provide furniture, storage areas and equipment for the additional personnel.

### PURPOSE OF CONTRACT:

The purpose of this contract is to capture unrecovered costs incurred by the City of Lynden Fire Department reimbursement for those agreed costs that exceeded the original contract amounts as related to the increase of additional crew members at Fire Station 75.

### FUNDING SOURCE:

The WCEMS Levy will pay for the one-time cost associated with the implementation of a Paramedic Unit serving Whatcom County. Additional costs incurred total \$12,720.36.

### ACTION:

Request authority to enter into the interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden Fire Department for the reimbursement of unrecovered cost related to the implementation and placement of M75 at the City of Lynden Fire Station 75.