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Subject: 2024 to 2029 Advanced Life Support Inter-Local Agreements
City of Bellingham Fire Department (BFD)
Whatcom County Fire Protection District 7 (FD7)

Substitute Language: AB2023-767

Date: December 4, 2023

Background and Purpose

In response to the Bellingham Fire Department International Association of Firefighters Local 106 (IAFF 106) concerns regarding the 2024 to 2029 ALS contract language, both the City of Bellingham and Fire District 7 Fire Chief's met with IAFF Local 106 leadership on November 30th, 2023 where the City of Bellingham has submitted additional language related to the Scope of Work Exhibit A; Item 2, c. for the City of Bellingham contract.

Updated/Additional Language: Exhibit A; Item 2, c.

EMS CAPTAIN

The City shall provide one (1) EMS Captain available 24 hours per day, 365 days a year, and shall meet the following criteria:

- a. The EMS Captain shall be furnished with, and shall utilize, a utility-type vehicle equipped with essential equipment and supplies allowing for Paramedic level care to be rendered to patients consistent with standards identified in RCW 18.73.
- b. In addition to supervisory duties performed, this EMS Captain shall be available for response countywide when "call for service surge" exceeds paramedic ambulance capacity.
- c. **These services may be expanded by (1) one additional EMS Captain available up to 24 hours per day, 365 days per year at a future date to be determined**

This updated language is provided by the Fire Chief of the City of Bellingham Fire Department as a "good faith" effort to resolve the concerns between the two labor groups. (IAFF 106, and Fire District 7 Firefighters Guild) as an outcome of the November 30th meeting.