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 North Whatcom Fire Authority to compensate for the paramedic training programs costs associated with student wages and benefits.

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 North Whatcom Fire Authority for the provision of Paramedic Training.