

# MEMORANDUM



**To:** Whatcom County Council Members

**From:** Mike Hilley, EMS Manager

**Subject:** Interlocal Agreement/City of Bellingham Fire Department; for the provision of the Paramedic Training Program.

**Date:** October 26, 2022

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## **BACKGROUND:**

Whatcom County Council approved Levy Plan and budget authority for a 2023 paramedic training class. Students recommended from Bellingham Fire Department (BFD), Camano Island Fire and Rescue, North County Fire and Rescue and the Marysville Fire District will participate in a joint EMS Paramedic training course funded through the EMS Levy. All four agencies will enter into an interlocal agreement to participate in the 2023 paramedic training class.

Bellingham Fire Department (6)  
Camano Island Fire and Rescue (1)  
North County Fire and Rescue (1)  
Marysville Fire District (2)

This interlocal agreement is between Whatcom County and Bellingham Fire Department to compensate for the paramedic training program 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 the City of Bellingham Fire Department.