

## MEMORANDUM



**To:** Whatcom County Council

**From:** Mike Hilley, EMS Manager

**Subject:** Interlocal Agreement/Amendment 3 to Whatcom County Contract No. 201907038

**Date:** July 24, 2023

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### BACKGROUND:

Whatcom Fire Protection District employs one (1) Community Paramedic serving Fire Protection District 7 and the smaller communities of Whatcom County. The Community Paramedic is teamed with members of the Ground Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) teams' social workers and case managers who work to reduce 911 use from the most frequent users of the Emergency Medical Services system. This contract amendment provides the additional funding for the wages and benefits of training and onboarding a new Community Paramedic to replace the current Community Paramedic after they retire in late 2023.

### FUNDING SOURCE:

Whatcom County EMS Levy

### ACTION:

Request authority to increase the compensation in the amount of \$37,664.00 for the wages, benefits, and overtime incurred by the removal of the new Community Paramedic from regular staffing. This new Community Paramedic will be trained by the current Community Paramedic to before their retirement at the end of 2023.

Mike Hilley  
Whatcom County EMS Manager

