MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom County Council Members

From: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager

Subject: Interlocal Agreement for the provision of the Paramedic Training Program

Date: July 10, 2020

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, paramedic students recommended from Bellingham Fire Department (BFD) and Fire Protection District #7 (FD7) participated in a joint EMS Paramedic training course funded through the EMS Levy. A second paramedic training class was initiated in January, 2020. The interlocal agreements were drafted for participation by three agencies.

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 preceptor and evaluation fees.

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.