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Tyler:

At the April 26th meeting of the Whatcom County Fire Chiefs Association the Chiefs voted in support of the March 2016 Whatcom County EMS Funding Work Group Recommendations final report.

The Chiefs support the EMS Funding Work Group's recommendation to propose a tax levy that will support and sustain the countywide EMS system and to place the EMS levy proposal on the November 2016 General Election ballot.

The Chiefs all agree that County Fire Districts must not lose the revenue from existing EMS levies if the proposed EMS levy to support ALS is passed by voters. County Administration must guarantee mitigation of the existing levies Districts 4, 11, and 16 currently have in place.

Please consider this support from the Chiefs, who are responsible for delivery of EMS services to County residents, when a decision is made regarding approving the EMS Funding Work Group recommendations.

Respectfully,



Chief Jerry DeBruin, WCFD14
President Whatcom County Fire Chief Association