

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT – PROPOSITION NO. 1

Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 (“District”) seeks voter approval to authorize an increase of its regular property tax levy to \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021 (with collection beginning in 2022). This levy is the primary funding source for fire and emergency medical services provided by the District. Voter approval of Proposition 1 will provide funding to maintain current service levels, add four battalion chiefs and four firefighters for peak time transports to hospitals; and replace aging fire engines and other fire vehicles.