



***City of Bellingham - Whatcom County Fire District #8 RFA Planning Committee***

**Issue Paper**

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**Title:**

Proposed RFA levels of service

**Summary/Description of issue:**

Levels of service pertains to response times to critical calls. Currently within the proposed RFA boundaries there are two adopted levels of service, representing both suburban and urban levels of service. The current Whatcom County Fire District 8 adopted level of service is set at 8 minutes and 30 seconds 80% of the time. This level is being consistently met. The City of Bellingham has an adopted level of service set at 4 minutes 90% of the time. This level of service is not being consistently met.

**Options:**

**Staff Recommendations and Rationale:**

**Direction from the Planning Committee:**