



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

Issue Paper

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Title: What primary services will the RFA provide?

Summary/Description of issue:

The RFA plan needs to outline the full range of services to be provided by the RFA.

RCW 52.26.100 states, "Except as otherwise provided in the regional fire protection service authority plan, all powers, duties, and functions of a participating fire protection jurisdiction pertaining to fire protection and emergency services shall be transferred to the regional fire protection service authority on its creation date or on the effective date that a fire protection jurisdiction is subsequently annexed into an authority".

Currently:

The City and Fire District #8 have operated under a contract for administrative services since February 2013. Also, since July, 1 2016 the two agencies have been working together under a full service inter-local agreement (ILA). Together, the entire service area operates eight fire stations and one County medic station.

The fire department currently operates or manages the follow major functions:

- **Fire Administrative Services** (Fire Chief, Assistant Chiefs, Office staff)
- **Fire Operations/Fire Protection** (Battalion Chiefs, Captains, Firefighters, Firefighter/Paramedics)
- **Emergency Medical Services** -both basic (BLS) and advanced (ALS) life support services (Division Chief, Community Paramedic)
- **Rescue Services** (Battalion Chiefs, Captains, Firefighters, Firefighter/Paramedics)
- **Training Division** (Fire Division Chief, Captain)



- **Life Safety Division** (Fire Division Chief/Fire Marshal, Inspectors, Permit Technician)
- **Prospect Communications Center (Fire Dispatch)** (Fire Division Chief, Communication Operations Officer, Dispatchers)
- **Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** (Emergency Manager)

Options:

Staff Recommendations and Rationale:

Direction from the Planning Committee: