

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Recognizing the challenges and opportunities that all fire jurisdictions are facing, the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County Fire District 8, through a partnership of many years, agreed to explore the different governance and funding options available to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the communities we serve.

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