To help better accommodate fire departments' schedules and requirements, King County EMS coordinates with "host agencies" to provide a limited number of expanded sets of Initial EMT training forums. These courses are provided in addition to the EMS Division's 14-week Initial EMT classes.

- Depending on their needs, host agencies can provide five-week or one-week courses using King County's curriculum and materials. King County EMS reimburses host agencies for providing the courses.
  
  o The five-week courses cover the EMT certification basic skills and King County–specific guidelines.
  
  o The one-week bridge courses provide experienced EMTs with training on King County-specific skills and directives. It expedites preparing those prior trained EMT new hires for agencies under an unusually high hiring demand.

- The program allows for 4 five-week courses a year (two in Zone 1 and two in Zone 3), and up to 4 one-week Bridge Courses per year.

- King County EMS will reimburse up to $50,000 per 5-week course, and up to $10,000 per one-week bridge course.

- The EMS Division oversees the programs and approves the requests to host these trainings. Agencies are asked to schedule the courses to follow the recruit academy portion of their new hire training process, and must submit requests to the King County EMS Division at least 60-90 days prior to the start of the EMT class.

- Agencies submit an invoice to be reimbursed for their expenses.

To request hosting one of these Initial EMT courses, please contact Jason Hammond at 206-263-8054 or jason.Hammond@kingcounty.gov.