



Southwest Region EMS & Trauma Care Council

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Dear Colleague,

As Chair of the Southwest Region EMS and Trauma Care Council, I would like to invite you to join our organization. As you may know, the Council is tasked with the planning and coordination of the emergency medical services (EMS) and trauma system within our region as well as a number of things to help improve the EMS system in our state. We provide training grant funds for new and existing prehospital providers, we support local County Councils' injury prevention initiatives with grants, we work collaboratively to develop EMS operating procedures, and we share important news and information with other providers in the region and state.

Region Council membership is a volunteer position however, there is very little time commitment. Our Council meets 5 – 6 times per year (the first Wednesday of odd months 3-5 pm at Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, Vancouver WA). Meeting dates and locations for 2016: September 7th and November 2nd. While we hope to see you in person at the meetings, we do offer a call-in option.

By joining the Council you will not only be helping the citizens of our region but you will gain valuable insight into the behind the scenes operations of the EMS & Trauma System, you will help ensure that the Council has the broad representation, and most importantly, you will be able to share your knowledge and expertise with others. Please contact Zita Wiltgen, Executive Director, or visit our website at www.swems.org for more information.

I hope you will consider joining the Council as we want to ensure that all EMS partners and stakeholders in the region has a representative on the Council. Receiving your input will help ensure that the things we do as a Council are valuable for all involved and the ongoing betterment of the entire EMS & trauma system.

Sincerely,

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