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News You Can Use

- The **2017 King County EMS Health and Education Symposium** will take place on **September 15 in Renton, WA**. Topics ranging from CIREN Crash Dynamics to Bleeding Control and Management to BLS HPAM and Post Cardiac Arrest Care Improvements will be covered. For more information or to register go to <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2941929>
- **Save the date—the Washington State Public Health Association Conference will take place on October 16 to 18 in Wenatchee.** Go to <http://www.wspha.org/events/annual-conference/> for more info.
- **EMS World Expo**, the largest EMS event in North America, will take place **October 16-20 in Las Vegas, NV**. Go to www.emsworldexpo.com for more information or to register.
- **EMS Associates will hold their annual Provo, UT conference on November 15-18.** Check out the conference details at <http://emsassociates.com/provo/>
- **The EMS Today/JEMS Conference and Expo** will take place **February 21-23, 2018 in Charlotte NC**. Go to <http://www.emstoday.com/index.html> for more information.
- The **Washington Rural Health Association's Annual Conference** will take place on **March 26-28, 2018 in Spokane, WA**. Further details about the conference will be added to their website as the event gets closer. Check www.wrha.com for more details.
- The Washington State Older Adult Falls Advisory Group has recently put together an **Older Adult Falls Prevention Survey**. The online survey is now open and will close on August 31st. The purpose of the survey is to gather input from individuals across Washington State on their attitudes and ideas regarding falls prevention. Everyone (individuals in the community, hospital and EMS personnel, falls program coordinators and participants, etc) is encourage to fill out the quick survey which will be utilized to define priorities and recommendations for their Action Plan. **The survey can be found at <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/opinio/s?s=11536>**
- **Kathy Williams recently retired from the DOH** after many years of service as both their Injury Prevention Program Coordinator and the Regional Liaison for the Southwest and South Central Regions among others. We want to thank her for her years of dedicated service to the EMS system and for always being helpful and supportive over the years. We wish her the best in her retirement!
- **Washington State is in the middle of a very active wildfire season.** To stay up to date on the latest wildfire incidents, check out **InciWeb** at <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/state/49/>) as well as the **DNR website** at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/Wildfires>, the **NIFC site** at <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/information/firemap.aspx> and the **DNR's Twitter feed** at https://twitter.com/waDNR_fire

EMS & Trauma Council Calendar: August 2017

- August 2: Cowlitz County EMS Council meeting, 10am
- August 3: Yakima County EMS Council meeting, 1:30pm
- August 3: Walla Walla County EMS Council meeting, 6pm
- August 3: Kittitas County EMS Council meeting, 7pm
- August 7: Mid Columbia EMS Council meeting, 1:30pm
- August 30: Wahkiakum County EMS Council meeting, 6pm

Older Adult Falls Prevention News

The Washington State Department of Health Falls Prevention Advisory Group is committed to advancing fall prevention efforts and improving the lives of older adults in Washington. To do this, the group is encouraging participation by community members as well as injury prevention specialists from Washington State agencies (hospitals, rehab, fire districts, etc) to participate in their upcoming programs and projects. The dates for their Regional Meetings for the Advisory Group have been confirmed and will be:

- Western WA* – Tumwater: Monday, August 14th; 1-4 pm at Department of Health, Point Plaza East Building 310 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501
- Eastern WA* – Spokane: Tuesday, September 19th; 1:30-4:30pm at St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute, 711 South Cowley St. Spokane, WA 99202
- Central WA – Wenatchee: Wednesday, October 25th; 1-4pm at Wellness Place, 609 Okanogan Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801

*Call-in conferencing is available. Please RSVP to attend in person or via conference call by emailing carolyn.ham@doh.wa.gov

Back to School Tips

Summer has flown by and it is almost time for kids to head back to school. Here are some tips to make sure they start off on the best—and safest—foot possible:

- Be sure your child's immunizations are up-to-date—and documented—before school starts.
- Now is the time to get sports physicals as well, instead of waiting until the last minute.
- Speaking of sports, make sure your children's sports gear (bicycle, bicycle helmet, football gear, etc.) still fits. Kids grow quickly so parents need to make sure that everything still fits to ensure their safety.
- Child car safety seats (both car seats and booster seats) also need to be inspected regularly to ensure that they are still the appropriate size and type and that they are installed correctly to ensure your child's safety while riding in the car.
- Parents should review all kinds of safety tips—from how to safely cross the street, to safely riding the bus, to what to do if they are bullied, to suicide prevention resources and driving safety tips—as appropriate for your child's age and development, prior to the school year starting.