

SW/SC REGION EMS NEWS

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News You Can Use

- **Paramedic Lecture Series 2018** will take place **March 16-18 in Leavenworth, WA**. Go to <http://conta.cc/2EgC84Y> for more information or to register.
- The **West Region EMS Conference will take place on March 23-25 in Ocean Shores, WA**. Go to <http://www.wrems.com/conf.html> for more information.
- The **2018 Northwest Rural Health Association's Annual Conference** will take place on **March 26-28, 2018 in Spokane, WA**. For more information, go to <http://depts.washington.edu/uwconf/wordpress/nwrhc/>
- A **NAEMSE Instructor 1 Course** will be offered on **April 6-8 in Wenatchee, WA**. This course is geared towards providers who wish to become an SEI. Go to <http://bit.ly/2njhIFO> for more information.
- The **Inland Northwest Trauma Conference will take place April 23 in Spokane, WA**. Go to <https://washington.providence.org/events/phc/inland-northwest-trauma-conference/> for more information or to register.
- Save the date for the **2018 Traffic Safety Conference** hosted by the WTSC. The conference will be held **April 24-26 in Kennewick, WA**. More info about the conference can be found at <http://wtsc.wa.gov/2018tsc/>
- The Ocean Shores Fire Department is offering a **free Medical Management of CBRNE Events class on June 2-3**. Email cbeebe@osgov.com for more info.
- The **National Registry initial cognitive exams for rural EMS providers** in Washington State is a program designed to reduce exam costs for initial certification for students testing at the EMR, EMT, and AEMT levels. Students must have agency affiliation in a rural area. The vouchers are distributed on a first come, first served basis with consideration given to availability of other financial resources, volunteer status, and requests per agency. A total 73 vouchers were purchased for this pilot project. Go to <https://goo.gl/W45XGv> for more information.
- The **Department of Health has a new blog** called 'Public Health Connection'. Check it out at <https://medium.com/wadepthealth>
- The **Washington Poison Center** has an **alerts page** with all kinds of useful information. There are separate health alert sections for the public, healthcare providers, and others. Go to www.wapc.org/media/alerts/ to check it out.
- The **Mariner's Baseball First Responder's Night will be Saturday, May 26**. First responders can purchase discounted game tickets at www.mlb.com/mariners/tickets/specials/first-responders
- Did you know that **11 counties in Washington have Text-To-911 service now including Clark and Yakima counties in the SW/SC regions?** Go to <https://goo.gl/GgQfwn> to find out more about this new service.

EMS & Trauma Council Calendar: March 2018

- March 1: Clark County EMS Council meeting, 8:30am
- March 6: South Pacific County EMS Council meeting, 6pm
- March 7: Cowlitz County EMS Council meeting, 10am
- March 7: Southwest Region QI meeting, 12:30pm
- March 7: Southwest Region EMS Council meeting, 2:15pm
- March 12: Skamania County EMS Council meeting, 2:30pm
- March 15: Klickitat County EMS Council meeting; 6pm
- March 20: RAC meeting; 9:30am
- March 21: State EM Steering Committee meeting; 9:30am
- March 22: South Central Region EMS Council meeting; 10am
- March 22: South Central Region QI meeting; 12pm

Upcoming Classes in the SW and SC Regions:

- Two National Child Passenger Safety Certification classes will be coming up in the SW/SC Regions. A class will be held on March 7 in Kennewick and a class will be offered on March 14 in Longview which will certify participants to install child passenger safety seats. Go to <http://cert.safekids.org/> for more info or to register.
- The Northwest Regional Training Center will be offering an EMT Refresher course on March 23-25 in Vancouver, WA. For more information or to register, go to www.nwrctc.org
- SEI Workshops are scheduled for the following dates: March 23 (at the West Region EMS Conference), May 22 (in Vancouver WA, location TBA), September 25 (at Moses Lake FD), January 22, 2019 (in the Central Region, location TBA), May 2019 (in the South Central Region, location TBA), and September 2019 (in the East Region, location TBA).

EMS Week (May 20-26) Is a Great Time To...

- Share information about your agency with your community.
- Recruit volunteers for your agency.
- Hold public information and public education events in your community.
- Invite politicians and other local dignitaries to your events to show them how their decisions impact EMS in the community.
- Honor EMS volunteers, community life savers, and others who have gone above and beyond to help others in the community.
- For more ideas and information about EMS Week go to www.acep.org/emsweek