

SW/SC REGION EMS NEWS

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News You Can Use

- **EMS Week will take place May 20-26.** Go to <https://www.acep.org/emsweek/> for information and planning resources for this event.
- The **Washington Fire Chiefs Annual Conference** will take place on **May 21-24 in Kennewick, WA.** To register or to check out the jam-packed agenda, go to <https://connect.computility.com/f/index.php>
- A **Senior EMS Instructor course will be held in Vancouver, WA on May 22.** An info sheet and application can be found at <http://www.swems.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Training-Announcement-and-app.doc>
- The **Mariner's Baseball First Responder's Night will be Saturday, May 26.** For tickets go to <https://www.mlb.com/mariners/tickets/specials/first-responders>
- The **Mariner's Nurses Appreciation Night will be May 6.** Go to <https://www.mlb.com/mariners/tickets/specials/nurse-appreciation> for tickets.
- 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 **EMS World Expo will take place on October 29-November 2 in Nashville, TN.** Find more info at <http://www.emsworldexpo.com/>
- Save the date—the **EMS Associates Conference in Provo, Utah** will take place **November 7-10.** For more information or to register go to <http://emsassociates.com/provo/>
- The **Washington State DOH has an entire web page dedicated to Rural Health.** On this page you can find rural health data, rural healthcare facility resources, and information for rural healthcare providers. Check it out at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/RuralHealth>
- Speaking of the **DOH, they have dedicated another page of their website to health data visualizations.** Their health data dashboard provides maps, charts, and graphs on a variety of health data for Washington State. This is an excellent source of information for presentations and community education programs! Check it out at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/HealthDataVisualization>
- A new graphic has been developed to help citizens in **Washington State understand the different types of tsunami alerts.** The graphic includes the type of alert, what the potential hazard is, and what actions to take. Find more information about this at <https://bit.ly/2JXhQzU>
- The **DOH is currently in the process up updating the WAC that pertains to EMS in Washington State.** This a huge undertaking and all stakeholders—both urban and rural—are invited to participate in this process. Meetings are ongoing and online meeting access is available for those who cannot attend in person. Go to <https://bit.ly/2HzEgc9> for more info.

EMS & Trauma Council Calendar: May 2018

- May 2: Cowlitz County EMS Council meeting, 10am
- May 2: Southwest Region QI Committee meeting, 12:30pm
- May 2: Southwest Region EMS Council meeting, 2:15pm
- May 3: Clark County EMS Council meeting, 8:30am
- May 3: South Pacific County EMS Council meeting, 4pm
- May 14: Skamania County EMS Council meeting, 2:30pm
- May 15: RAC meeting; 9:30am
- May 16: EMS Steering Committee meeting; 9:30am
- May 17: WAC Update meeting; 9:30am
- May 23: Klickitat County EMS Council meeting; 6pm
- May 24: South Central Region EMS Council meeting; 10am
- May 24: South Central Region QI Committee meeting; 12pm
- May 30: Wahkiakum County EMS Council meeting; 6pm

News From the Washington Poison Center

The WPC's 2017 Toxic Trends Reports are now available. These reports provide data, graphs, and statistics on a variety of overdose/poisonings in Washington State. Find reports on:

- Opioids: <https://www.wapc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017-Opioids-Toxic-Trend-Report.pdf>
- Cannabis: <https://www.wapc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017-Cannabis-Toxic-Trend-Report.pdf>
- Nicotine and e-cigarettes: <https://www.wapc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017-NicotineToxic-Trend-Report.pdf>
- 2017 Top 10 Reports: <https://www.wapc.org/data/poison-center-data/statistics-with-current-top-ten/top-ten-2/>

Some factoids from the WPC:

- In 2017, the Washington Poison Center fielded over 172 calls per day, amounting to 62,987 calls total for the year.
- The WPC recorded 55,247 exposures in 2017, with children six and younger accounting for almost 50% of all poison exposure cases.
- Almost 79% of poisonings were unintentional, 16% were intentional with suicidal intent suspected in 11% of the cases.
- Of the 7,823 medication errors recorded, almost 18% were in children under six years old and over 26% were in adults 60 years and older.
- The WPC can provide specific data via a simple request form at <https://www.wapc.org/data/poison-center-data/data-request-form/>