

# SW/SC REGION EMS NEWS

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## News You Can Use

- The **Northwest Citizen Corps Expo** will take place **August 3-4 in Renton, WA**. A wide range of classes will be offered at the Expo including Stop the Bleed, CERT Refreshers, emergency communications, psychological first aid, and more. Go to <http://nwcitizencorpsexpo.org> for more info or to register.
- **Ocean Shores Fire Department** will host a **'Grant Writing Training for Public Safety Agencies'** workshop on **August 25-26**. For more information or to register, go to <https://bit.ly/2KalH0j>
- The **Washington Poison Center** will be offering a **free two-day conference on 'Chemical and Radiological Agents of Opportunity for Terrorism'** course on **August 28 and 29**. To register or for more information, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XJGMPXQ>
- The **70th Annual Washington Fire Commissioner's Association Annual Conference** will take place **October 25-27 in Yakima**. For more information go to <http://www.wfca.wa.gov/education-wfca-programs.asp>
- The **EMS World Expo** will take place **on October 29-November 2 in Nashville, TN**. Find more info about this 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 **EMS Today Expo** will take place **February 20-22, 2019 in National Harbor, MD**. Find details at <http://www.emstoday.com/index.html>
- The annual **Northwest Rural Health Conference** will take place **March 25-27, 2019 in SeaTac, WA**. More information will be provided as it gets closer to the event. For updates, go to <https://www.waruralhealth.org>.
- The **New Frontier Emergency Medicine Symposium** will take place **April 25-27, 2019 in Coeur D'Alene, ID**. Go to <https://newfrontieremergencymedicine.com/#symposium-info> for more information.
- **Licensing and certification for behavioral health, substance use disorders, and problem gambling treatment programs** has been transferred from DSHS to the DOH. For more information on this change go to <https://bit.ly/2LvILv9>
- Check out the **Code Green Campaign** which has a wide range of resources which focus on EMS mental health and PTSD. Find out more at <http://codegreencampaign.org/> Also check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/thecodegreencampaign/>
- Find all the information you need for working safely outdoors when the weather is hot on the **CDC's Heat Stress page** at <https://bit.ly/2Logrmq> where you will find info sheets, posters, and even a phone app to help keep you safe.

## ***EMS & Trauma Council Calendar: August 2018***

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

## **Some Back-To-School Resources**

By the end of the month kids will be getting ready to go back to school! Start their school year off right with the following resources:

- Make sure your child is riding in the proper size car seat/booster seat. Information on car seat checks, free installation services, and recalls can be found online at <http://www.800bucklup.org/>
- Current immunizations are required for nearly all children in the state so be sure your child's immunizations are up to date. More information on vaccination requirements can be found at <https://bit.ly/2uNwX95>
- Be sure your child's bicycle, bicycle helmet, football gear, and other sports gear still fits correctly. Children grow so quickly that parents should check regularly to make sure that their child's critical safety and sports gear continues to fit correctly.
- Check out your child's school district website for all kinds of information—from the school calendar to bus routes to school lunch information to enrollment information, etc.
- Check local media or Google for locations of back-to-school fairs, often offered by the school district or community service organizations to ensure all kids have the information and supplies they need to start the school year off right.
- Buy extra school supplies—both to save for your kids for mid-year as well as to donate to your child's school to help other children who may not have the school supplies they need.

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## **Disaster Training Opportunities**

A number of agencies offer disaster training opportunities for first responders. Check the following links to find disaster training courses to meet your needs:

- FEMA Online Independent Study Courses (<https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>)
- FEMA National Preparedness Course Catalog (<https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frt/npccatalog>)
- FEMA EMI Course Schedule (<https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx>)
- WA EMD State Training Calendar (<https://mil.wa.gov/training-and-exercise>)
- BNSF Community Responder HazMat Training (<https://bit.ly/2OcPS5j>)
- CDC Learning Connection (<https://www.cdc.gov/learning/index.html>)
- Department of Homeland Security First Responder Active Shooter Training Resources (<https://www.dhs.gov/first-responder>)