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News You Can Use

- The **Southern Idaho EMS Conference will take place on September 21-22 in Twin Falls, Idaho.** Go to <https://quondam.csi.edu/emsconference/index.asp> for more information as well as registration information.
- The **70th Annual Washington Fire Commissioner's Association 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>
- Save the date! The popular **West Region EMS Conference will be held on March 22-24, 2019 in Ocean Shores.** Go to <https://www.wrems.com> for more information.
- 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 **Initial NREMT Testing Voucher Program** has vouchers available through the DOH to cover initial testing fees for EMRs, EMTs, and A-EMTs who are associated with a rural EMS agencies. For more information on this program or to apply, call 360-236-2842 or email regionems@doh.wa.gov.
- 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.
- **World Suicide Prevention Day will take place September 10.** Find materials and more information about this event at <https://iasp.info/wspd2018/wspd-brochure/>
- **Washington Drive to Zero** is a new project from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to help lower driving deaths in Washington State. Their site (<http://wadrivetozero.com/>) offers information, data, and materials in a variety of languages on this topic.
- Check out the government's **AirNow** website which provides up-to-the-minute air quality reports for both **local and national air quality and pollution reports.** The site can be found at <https://www.airnow.gov/>
- **Local news and information on air quality** as well as burn ban notices, burning regulations, etc. can be found online at www.swcleanair.org

EMS & Trauma Council Calendar: September 2018

- September 5: Cowlitz County EMS Council meeting; 10am
- September 5: SW Region QI Committee meeting; 12:30pm
- September 5: SW Region EMS Council meeting; 2:15pm
- September 6: Clark County EMS Council meeting; 8:30am
- September 11: South Pacific County EMS Council meeting; 6pm
- September 18: Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting; 9:30am
- September 19: EMS Steering Committee meeting; 9:30am
- September 26: Klickitat County EMS Council meeting; 6pm
- September 27: SC Region EMS Council meeting; 10am
- September 27: SC Region QI Committee meeting; 12pm

September is National Preparedness Month!

In honor of National Preparedness Month you can...

- Visit Ready.gov (<https://www.ready.gov/september>) for a huge list of information and resources geared towards both individuals as well as community agencies to help spread the word about the need to get prepared.
- Make sure you have a disaster supplies kit which could see you and your family through at least two weeks of not being able to go to a grocery store, a pharmacy, etc. Make sure you have plenty of water, food, and emergency supplies on hand. For a list of what to put in your kit, go to <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>
- Have an emergency fund. Having both cash on hand as well as money in the bank to pay six months' worth of bills can cover everything from a last minute evacuation, a job loss, or an illness/injury.
- Check out the Monster Guard app created by the Red Cross. The app is geared towards children and will teach them various ways to stay safe as well as how to prepare for real life emergencies. Download the app at <https://www.redcross.org/monster-guard.html>
- The EPA has created a page of useful information for National Preparedness Month with information on how to stay safe for individuals, communities, schools, and businesses, Find more info at <https://www.epa.gov/natural-disasters/september-preparedness-month>
- Find a list of Washington-specific preparedness resources at the Washington EMD website at <https://mil.wa.gov/preparedness>
- The CDC has a list of resources geared toward individual and community health preparedness at <https://www.cdc.gov/phpr/npm/npm2018.htm>
- The National Weather Service has a number of weather-related preparedness resources at <https://www.weather.gov/sgf/NationalPreparednessMonth>
- The USGS has a great list of resources, including the opportunity to sign up for Earthquake Notification Service alerts, at <https://www.usgs.gov/news/september-national-preparedness-month-0>