

# SW/SC REGION EMS NEWS

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## News You Can Use

- 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 **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.
- The **First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet)** is a government project that is putting together a nation-wide, high-speed broadband network for first responders and public safety agencies. Find out more information on this vital project at <https://www.firstnet.gov/>
- The **Undiagnosed Disease Network** is a national network of medical and research facilities that share information to improve and accelerate diagnosis of rare and undiagnosed conditions. Check it out at <https://commonfund.nih.gov/diseases>
- The **Assistance To Firefighters Grant Program** is now accepting applications. For information on how to apply for these grants, go to <https://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program> Note that the application period will close on October 26.
- With flu cases expected to pick up this fall, find more information on flu prevention, care, and even a vaccine finder at both the **WA DOH's flu page** (<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/Flu>) as well as on the **CDC's flu resource page** (<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>).
- **World Mental Health Day** will take place **October 10**. To find resources and planning ideas for this awareness day, go to [http://www.who.int/mental\\_health/world-mental-health-day/en/](http://www.who.int/mental_health/world-mental-health-day/en/)

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

- October 1: Mid Columbia EMS Council meeting; 1:30pm
- October 2: Columbia County EMS Council meeting; 7pm
- October 3: Cowlitz County EMS Council meeting; 10am
- October 4: Yakima County EMS Council meeting; 1:30pm
- October 4: Walla Walla County EMS Council meeting; 6pm
- October 4: Kittitas County EMS Council meeting; 7pm
- October 8: Skamania County EMS Council meeting; 2:30pm
- October 31: Wahkiakum County EMS Council meeting; 6pm
- October 31: *Halloween*

## **EMS Training Resources**

Find some great (free) training resources for first responders at:

- The DHS's Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC) offers free in-person and online training and resources for rural first responders. Recent training courses included "mass fatalities planning and response for rural communities", "testing an emergency operations plan in a rural EOC", and "access and functional needs preparedness planning for rural communities". Find out more about this valuable training opportunity at <https://www.ruraltraining.org/>
- BNSF is now taking sign ups for their free "Crude by Rail and Emergency Response Training Workshops" for municipal first responders in 2019. All training, travel expenses, and hotel costs are provided at no charge to participants. The culmination of the three-day training is a full scale derailment exercise. For more information on this great training opportunity, go to <https://bit.ly/2prQCs0>
- The Washington State Emergency Management Division offers a range of free resources including response training, exercise design, and exercise management. Go to <https://mil.wa.gov/training-and-exercise> for more information.
- The CDC offers a full list of training and education opportunities for first responders on a variety of topics. Find a comprehensive list of federal resources at <https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp>

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## **First Responder Mental Health Resources**

- Fire/EMS Helpline (<https://www.nvfc.org/fireems-helpline/>) 1-888-731-3473
- Safe Call Now (<https://www.safecallnow.org/>) 206-459-3020
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>) 800-273-8255
- Code Green Campaign (<http://codegreencampaign.org/>)
- Crew Care (<https://www.crewcarelife.com/>)
- Code 9 Project (<http://www.code9project.org/>)