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News You Can Use

- 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, WA**. 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 annual **Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference will take place April 17-19, 2019 in Lynnwood, WA**. Go to <https://www.cm.wsu.edu/ehome/piepc/Program/> for more information or to register.
- 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 Annual Native American and Rural Health Conference** will take place **May 2-4, 2019 in Flagstaff, AZ**. Go to <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/events/14259> for more information or to register.
- Check out the **Rural Health Information Hub** which provides updates, alerts, data, and a range of information on other rural health topics from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. Find it at <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/>
- The **Stop the Bleed campaign** has been very successful at training bystanders to respond when someone has experienced major trauma such as in the event of a mass shooting. A quick reaction from a trained bystander can mean the difference between life and death, much like the response from bystanders trained in CPR. To find out more about this important program, go to <https://depts.washington.edu/hiprc/stop-the-bleed-washington/>
- Find a **list of rural health funding opportunities** at <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/funding> Check back often as new opportunities are added on a regular basis.
- **Workplace violence** is trending in the media. This is also an important topic for healthcare providers on the front lines in Washington State. Find more information on this topic at <https://bit.ly/2AqSjFT> (#EndNurseAbuse) and <https://bit.ly/2S8NPkG> (Violence Against EMS Responders).
- The **Washington State DOT Twitter feed** is useful (road info, safe driving info, etc) and often times hilarious (example at <https://bit.ly/2OKAq4q>). Be sure to follow their feed at <https://twitter.com/wsdot>

EMS & Trauma Council Calendar: November 2018

- November 1: Clark County EMS Council meeting; 8:30am
- November 7: Cowlitz County EMS Council meeting; 10am
- November 7: SW Region QI meeting; 12:30pm
- November 7: SW Region EMS Council meeting; 2:15pm
- November 13: South Pacific County EMS Council meeting; 6pm
- November 20: RAC/WAC Revision meeting; 9:30am
- November 21: Steering Committee meeting; 9:30am
- November 22: *Thanksgiving*
- November 28: Klickitat County EMS Council meeting; 6:30pm
- November 29: South Central Region EMS Council meeting; 10am
- November 29: South Central Region QI meeting; 12pm

WAC Rules-making for EMS

On Tuesday, November 13, from 9:30am to noon, the RAC will hold a rules-making workshop to discuss and revise the WAC rules which pertain to both the regional and local EMS councils. The WAC for regional EMS councils (WAC 246-976-960) as well as the WAC for county EMS councils (WAC 246-976-970) will be discussed. Everyone who is part of a local or regional EMS council is invited to attend!

The meeting will be held at the CenterPoint Conference Center; Creekside Building Two; Room 309; 20425 72nd Avenue South; Kent, Washington 98032. If you can't attend in person, you can join the GoToMeeting online at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/711690237>. You can also dial in using your phone by calling 1 (312)-757-3121; Access Code: 711-690-237. This is an excellent opportunity to bring a local perspective to state-wide rules which impact EMS.

New Training Requirements for EMS Personnel and EMS Council Members

- The Travis Alert Bill (SHB 1258) passed during the 2017 legislative session. The bill requires mandatory training for all fire and EMS personnel on how to best handle situations in which persons with disabilities are present at the scene of an emergency. The training curriculum and presentations for disability awareness are now available on the DOH website at <https://bit.ly/2O0tIHy>. The two-hour training is required one time only and must be completed by December 2019.
- Another training which is required for all members of government/quasi-governmental organizations such as EMS councils is the Washington State Open Government Training. This is a simple and quick online training which provides a lot of good information on people's roles and responsibilities to the public while performing their council duties. This information is also useful for people who work in fire department/EMS agencies which require the same level of open government participation when dealing with the public. Find this training online at <https://bit.ly/2yuwFpC>