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News You Can Use

- On **December 6**, a free webinar on **'Fall Prevention and TBI Among Older Adults'** will be held online. Go to <https://bit.ly/2znWpV2> for more information or to register.
- 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.
- The **DOH will be holding a couple of EMS educator workshops** within the next several weeks. These online workshops will be used to inform EMS educators and other interested parties about recent EMS education updates in the state. There will be a workshop on December 3 (1:30pm-2:30pm) and on January 9 (11am-noon). Attend either meeting by going to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/536645525> and/or call in at 786-535-3211; code 536-645-525.
- **FEMA/DHS recently opened their annual grant process for Fire Prevention and Safety projects**. For an application packet plus additional information on this grant, go to <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/172693> Hurry—grant applications will only be accepted until December 21!
- The **Washington State Training and Exercise Plan for 2019-2021** from the Emergency Management Department was recently released. The plan gives an overview of disaster preparedness training around the state and also includes a training schedule with a range of disaster preparedness classes which have already been scheduled through 2021. Check it out at <https://bit.ly/2OX1Krn>
- Need to find a location for a flu shot or other recommended vaccination? Check out the **Vaccine Finder website** at <https://vaccinefinder.org/>

EMS & Trauma Council Calendar: December 2018

- December 3: Mid Columbia EMS Council meeting; 1:30pm
- December 4: Columbia County EMS Council meeting; 7pm
- December 5: Cowlitz County EMS Council meeting; 10am
- December 6: Yakima County EMS Council meeting; 1:30pm
- December 6: Walla Walla County EMS Council meeting; 6pm
- December 6: Kittitas County EMS Council meeting; 7pm
- December 25: *Christmas*
- December 31: *New Years Eve*

10 Sources for EMS and Injury Prevention Data

Whether you are filling out a grant application, writing an article for the local newspaper, or putting together a public presentation, using good data always bolsters the points you are making. Here are some great places to find the data you need on EMS and injury prevention topics:

1. The Washington Tracking Network has a searchable environmental and public health database which can be found at <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/wtn/WTNPortal/>
2. The Washington Traffic Safety Commission has a range of data, from quarterly crash data to fatal crash data to in-depth traffic safety reports, at <http://wtsc.wa.gov/research-data/>
3. If you need data and reports on poisoning topics (opioids, cannabis, and other poisons) go to the Washington Poison Center's website at <https://www.wapc.org/>
4. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) offers data on every health and injury topic under the sun! Find national health data at <https://www.cdc.gov/datastatistics/index.html>
5. The Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center (HIPRC) offers research and data on injury topics such as traumatic brain injury, transport injury, and violence. Find this site at <https://depts.washington.edu/hiprc/>
6. The Safe Kids library offers fact sheets, infographics, and research reports on many childhood injury topics. Go to <https://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-washington> for more information.
7. The Washington State Patrol's website offers data on fire, traffic, and crime events in Washington State. Go to <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/> to check out the range of information they offer.
8. The Washington State DOH's Diseases and Chronic Conditions webpage provides data on a number of diseases at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/DiseasesandChronicConditions>
9. The National Institute of Public Health provides data and reports on mental health topics ranging from chronic conditions to suicide at <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/research-resources/index.shtml>
10. The World Health Organization offers global health data at <https://www.who.int/gho/database/en/>