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News You Can Use

- **The Washington State Public Health Association Conference will take place on October 16 to 18 in Wenatchee.** Go to <http://www.wspha.org/events/annual-conference/> for more info.
- **EMS World Expo**, the largest EMS event in North America, will take place **October 16-20 in Las Vegas, NV.** Go to www.emsworldexpo.com for more information or to register.
- The **Washington State Cardiac and Stroke Conference** will take place on **October 26 & 27 in Spokane, WA.** The conference will feature a wide range of topics. For more information or to register go to <http://bit.ly/2vg5dfG>
- **EMS Associates** will hold their **annual Provo, UT conference on November 15-18.** Check out the conference details at <http://emsassociates.com/provo/>
- The **Tacoma Trauma Conference** will take place on **November 17 in Tacoma, WA.** This conference will have four tracks including general interest, nursing, peds, and EMS. Go to www.tacomatrauma.org/tacoma-trauma-conference/sessions/ for more information or to register.
- The **EMS Today/JEMS Conference and Expo** will take place **February 21-23, 2018 in Charlotte NC.** Go to <http://www.emstoday.com/index.html> for more information.
- Save the date for the **West Region EMS Conference which will take place March 23-25 in Ocean Shores, WA.** More info to follow.
- The **Washington Rural Health Association's Annual Conference** will take place on **March 26-28, 2018 in Spokane, WA.** Further details about the conference will be added to their website as the event gets closer. Check www.wrha.com for more details.
- Save the date for the **2018 Traffic Safety Conference** hosted by the WTSC. The conference will be held **April 24-26 in Kennewick, WA.** More info about the conference can be found at <http://wtsc.wa.gov/2018tsc/>
- **Washington State Emergency Management Division (WA EMD)** is now using the **NextDoor app to connect with residents** at the neighborhood level. This allows the department to provide messaging directly to citizens based on where they live. For more information on this new program go to <http://bit.ly/2x6Nvet>
- The **revised and updated POLST (Physician Orders on Life-Sustaining Treatment) form is now available.** For copies of the new form and information about the update, go to <http://bit.ly/2xrmXER>
- Be sure to **bookmark the CDC's Media Archives page** at www.cdc.gov/media/archives.htm This page lists all CDC press releases, media advisories, transcripts, and media statements.
- We would like to welcome **Hailey Green** and **Christy Cammarata** who are new to the Washington State Department of Health, Office of EMS and who will be working with the EMS Region Councils. Welcome!

EMS & Trauma Council Calendar: October 2017

- October 2: Mid Columbia EMS Council meeting, 1:30pm
- October 3: Columbia County EMS Council meeting, 7pm
- October 4: Cowlitz County EMS Council meeting, 10am
- October 5: Yakima County EMS Council meeting, 1:30pm
- October 5: Walla Walla County EMS Council meeting, 6pm
- October 5: Kittitas County EMS Council meeting, 7pm
- October 31: *Halloween*

October 19 is the Great Washington Shake Out

Preparing for earthquakes is a big deal in Washington State as it is one of the most-likely-to-happen natural disasters in our area. We have seen what can happen when a natural disaster impacts a large area as Hurricane Harvey did in Houston and Hurricane Irma did in Florida last month. Picture the area where you live and work being destroyed by a large-scale earthquake and you will quickly realize why everyone needs to get prepared as soon as possible. To that end, there are several resources to help you, your family, and your business become better prepared for an earthquake:

- Participate in the world-wide Great Shake Out Drop, Cover, and Hold Drill on October 19 at 10:19am. You can even register online to become an official participant in the Great Washington Shake Out at <https://www.shakeout.org/washington/> This website also has drill manuals and planning resources to help you get your entire workplace involved.
- Check out the WA EMD preparedness page at <https://mil.wa.gov/preparedness> This page includes information on the Shake Out, links on a variety of preparedness topics, as well as links to national, state, and local emergency alert systems.
- FEMA has a comprehensive earthquake preparedness page at <https://www.fema.gov/earthquake> which provides even more information on getting prepared for a possible earthquake.
- The Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN) records up-to-the-minute earthquake activity throughout the Pacific Northwest. Their website is a trove of earthquake information—from the scientific to the nuts and bolts of being prepared and much more—at <https://pnsn.org>
- Washington State seismologists did a very informative “AMA” on reddit a while back. It’s a fascinating read at <http://bit.ly/2engKPF>
- A couple of years ago the New Yorker set social media on fire when they featured an article on ‘The Really Big One’ about what would happen when (not if) a really big earthquake hits the Pacific Northwest (hint, it isn’t good). An interesting read at <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/07/20/the-really-big-one>
- King 5 News in Seattle has an entire section of their website dedicated to preparedness articles at <http://www.king5.com/local/disaster>
- Several other organizations have web pages dedicated to earthquake preparedness including Ready.gov (<https://www.ready.gov/earthquakes>), the Red Cross (<http://rdcrss.org/2vuWoNO>), and the USGS (<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/preparedness.php>).