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News You Can Use

- 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.
- The **Washington Fire Symposium Annual Conference** will take place on **February 24-28 in Yakima, WA**. Check out the jam-packed agenda and/or register at <https://connect.computility.com/ff/index.php>
- The **West Region EMS Conference** will take place on **March 23-25 in Ocean Shores, WA**. Go to <http://www.wrems.com/conf.html> for more information.
- The **2018 Northwest Rural Health Association's Annual Conference** will take place on **March 26-28, 2018 in Spokane, WA**. For more information, go to <http://depts.washington.edu/uwconf/wordpress/nwrhc/>
- The **Inland Northwest Trauma Conference** will take place **April 23 in Spokane, WA**. Conference topics include Stop the Bleed, geriatric trauma, and TBI. Go to <https://washington.providence.org/events/phc/inland-northwest-trauma-conference/> for more information or to register.
- 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/>
- The **CDC has a very informative web page about their STEADI Program (Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths, and Injuries) at www.cdc.gov/steady/index.html** The webpage has all kinds of materials for providers as well as patients, success stories, and other useful information to help prevent senior deaths and injuries. Check it out!
- The **Washington Poison Center's Annual Poster Contest** is now open for students in grades 1-5. **Entries are due January 12**. For details about the contest, go to <http://bit.ly/2wRXFwv>
- **Two National Child Passenger Safety Certification classes will be coming up in the SW/SC Regions**. A class will be held on March 7 in Kennewick and a class will be offered on March 14 in Longview which will certify participants to install child passenger safety seats. Go to <http://cert.safekids.org/> for more info or to register.
- **The legislative season is in full swing**. During the month of January various EMS-related organizations will hold their Legislative Days in Olympia. There are also a number of bills that could impact EMS and other first responders. For the most recent updates on these bills, go to <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/> and click on Bill Status Report.
- The **Washington Health Alliance has produced two opiod fact sheets**—one for providers and one for patients. Plus these sheets have been translated into 22 different languages. Find the sheets at <http://bit.ly/2BfEpix>

EMS & Trauma Council Calendar: January 2018

- January 1: *New Years Day*
- January 3: Cowlitz County EMS Council meeting, 10am
- January 3: Southwest Region QI meeting, 12:30pm
- January 3: Southwest Region EMS Council meeting, 2:15pm
- January 4: Clark County EMS Council meeting, 8:30am
- January 8: Skamania County EMS Council meeting, 2:30pm
- January 9: South Pacific County EMS Council meeting, 6pm
- January 15: *Martin Luther King Jr Day*
- January 16: RAC meeting; 9:30am
- January 17: Steering Committee meeting; 9:30am
- January 25: South Central Region EMS Council meeting; 10am
- January 25: South Central Region QI meeting; 12pm

Did You Know?

- As the recent train derailment and other disasters have shown, one of the most immediate needs after such an event is for donated blood. A very useful fact sheet about donating blood (everything from who is eligible to how your medical status affects being able to donate blood) can be found at www.psbcc.org/programs/blood.htm To find a place to donate, go to www.redcrossblood.org/donation-centers/pnw or to www.psbcc.org/programs/centers.htm Bloodworks NW also has a very useful website which covers all you need to know about donating blood at www.bloodworksnw.org Note that donating regularly helps these organizations keep a steady supply of blood and that after a disaster, blood donation centers can be overwhelmed with donors and will often ask people to schedule an appointment instead of dropping in (check donation websites for more info on this).
- Did you know that a lot of important training opportunities are now available online? Washington State has their entire Open Government Training program available online at www.atg.wa.gov/opengovernmenttraining.aspx, the Washington State Emergency Management Division has a number of online training and exercise opportunities available through their website at www.atg.wa.gov/opengovernmenttraining.aspx, FEMA's Emergency Management Institute has many online training opportunities available at <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>, and BNSF offers online training for a variety of railway incidents at www.bnsfhazmat.com/community-responders/training/online/
- All of the information for the FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program which encompasses three separate programs (Assistance to Firefighters grants, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grants, and Fire Prevention and Safety grants) can be found at www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program By clicking on the bottom link, 'Grants Information Updates' you will find the most recent news and information about their upcoming programs and applications periods.