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NORTHWEST REGION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND
TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

What's Happening

Welcome to the First Edition of What's Happening

Each month the Northwest Region EMS office will produce the What's Happening newsletter in an effort to keep everyone in our region up to date on the events and activities that are happening within the Northwest Region's EMS community.

If your agency or organization has events and activities planned that would be of interest to our audience, please drop us an email at aprilborbon@yahoo.com for inclusion in future issues of this newsletter.

It is our goal to build a cohesive, supportive community of sharing within our region and beyond so that all may benefit from the information we have to offer.

We would love to have input not only from EMS agencies but also from DEM offices, law enforcement, health districts, training committees, prevention committees et al.

For additional information, you can also visit our website at www.nwrems.org.

Welcome Dave McCarthy

The Northwest Region EMS office has a new Training Coordinator. We would like to welcome Dave McCarthy to our staff. Dave is an EMT from Montana who is currently going through the reciprocity process to become an EMT in Washington state. He also has a background in education and was previously a kindergarten teacher.

Dave is a certified CPR instructor and can also assist agencies with borrowing training equipment from the Region's storeroom, coordinating instructors for a variety of classes (ACLS, PALS, EMT and refresher courses), and reporting all training that goes on in our region to the Department of Health. Dave is also the point person for the Rural AED grant placement process.

Dave can be reached at the NWREMS office during regular office hours, by email at nwems@hurricane.net, or by cell phone at 360-731-3416.

Dave is an avid fly-fisherman and is looking forward to enjoying the outdoor opportunities in our beautiful region.

Calendar of Events

February 2
Groundhog Day

February 2 7pm
DUI Victim's Panel
Gig Harbor Civic Center
Gig Harbor, WA
253-884-0715

February 2
10am-2pm
Car Seat Safety Check
Mary Bridge Clinic
Silverdale, WA

February 8 7pm
Youth DUI Victim's Panel
Abundant Life Foursquare Church
Bremerton, WA
1-360-731-5139

February 9 7pm
DUI victim's Panel
Mason Co Court House
Shelton, WA
360-427-9670 x248

February 10 6:30pm
DUI Victim's Panel
Pt Angeles City Council Office
Pt Angeles, WA
360-417-2385

February 10 noon
Northwest Region Council Meeting

Olympic Medical Center
Pt Angeles, WA

February 11 10am
Hospital Preparedness Meeting
Forks Hospital
Forks, WA

February 11
ACLS/PALS refresher course
Kitsap County EMS
Bremerton, WA
1-360-478-5997

February 12
Lincoln's Birthday

February 12 9pm
DUI Victim's Panel
Pt Townsend Rec Center
Pt Townsend, WA
360-385-9135

February 13-19
Child Passenger Safety Week

February 13 noon-4pm
Car Seat Safety Check
Toys R Us
Silverdale, WA

February 14
Valentine's Day

February 17 7pm
Adult DUI Victim's Panel
Abundant Life Foursquare Church
Bremerton, WA
1-360-731-5139

February 19 10am-3pm
Bike Rodeo
Pt Orchard BMX Track at South Kitsap Mall

February 24
12 Lead EKG Refresher Course
Kitsap County EMS
Bremerton, WA
1-360-478-5997

February 25-27
West Region EMS Conference
Ocean Shores, WA
1-800-546-5416

List your event here. Simply email, fax or call your information to us at the contact numbers listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Did You Know?

- The Department of Health/Office of Emergency Management has a new Preparedness Exercise Coordinator. Dan Banks is available to help agencies and organizations that are conducting disaster training exercises. If you need information or assistance or would just like to let Dan know about your upcoming exercise, please contact him at 360-236-4539 or by email at dan.banks@doh.wa.gov.
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has a new phone number and a new website. They can be contacted at 1-800-273-8255 or via web at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.
- The Washington State Department of Natural Resources has a variety of wild-land fire prevention programs available to the public. Everything from puppet shows for the kids to 'how to create a fire safe home' displays that can be used at various events are available. Also, they have recently received grant funding for programs that will help homeowners in rural areas clean up debris that can be dangerous if there is a nearby forest fire. For more information, please contact Charley Burns at 360-825-1631.
- The Washington EMD Office has a variety of free publications and videos available to educate the public on natural and man-made disasters. Check out their website at <http://www.emd.wa.gov/site-general/menu/pub-video-idx.htm#Videos> for more information.
- The Kitsap Rifle And Revolver Club offers free gun safety classes for youth groups. Classes can be conducted either at their facility in Bremerton or at your location. For more information, contact Marcus Carter at 360-373-1007.
- Kitsap Safe Kids always has a variety of child safety projects going on. They provide car seat safety checks, low cost helmets and life jacket loaner programs for the children in our community. For more information, check out their web page at www.nwrems.org/safekids.

Event of the Month

A Bicycle Safety Clinic will be held at the Peninsula Indoor BMX track on February 19th in Pt Orchard between 10am and 2pm. This is a great event to bring the whole family to!

The event will feature bike safety checks, low cost

helmets with custom fitting, loaner bikes, free stickers, and free trial membership for the track.

All participants will get the opportunity to ride the BMX track and loaner bikes will be provided for kids who need them.

For more information on this event, please call 360-876-7434.



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We're On The Web!

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The Northwest Region Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Council is a non-profit umbrella organization which oversees EMS training, prevention activities, and program funding in Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap and Mason Counties.

Their Mission is to promote and support a coordinated system for local Emergency Medical Services/Trauma Care Councils by:

- *Providing resources/funding*
- *Enhancing education/training*
- *Promoting data collection/analysis*
- *Facilitating communication*
- *Promoting standardization*
- *Promoting public education and prevention*

More News You Can Use

- The Region has boxes of bicycle helmets waiting to be distributed to needy children in our region. If your organization is planning a bike rodeo or other event where you would like to provide helmets to children, simply call or email and we will arrange delivery of the helmets. Also provided is a video of how to correctly fit a bicycle helmet that can be shown to your volunteers or employees who will be assisting with your event so as to insure that all children who receive a helmet will have it properly fitted.
- The Northwest Region has a storage room full of training equipment available for EMS agencies to use in their classes. We have CPR manikins, Boxlight projectors, laptops, EMS training specific manikins (OB trainers, IV trainers, etc.), and moulage supplies. Call Dave at the office to arrange to borrow these items.
- The Kitsap Community Foundation is accepting applications from non-profit organizations for funding for their health, education, arts, environment, social service and youth disaster relief efforts. Information, criteria and applications can be found on their website at www.kitsapfoundation.org. Remember, applications must be postmarked by February 15th!