

ALS OTEP Guest Speaker for February: Dr. Sanjeev Vaderah, MD, FRCPC

Skagit Valley Hospital's own **Dr. Sanjeev Vaderah** will be the guest speaker at both ALS OTEPs in February. Dr. Vaderah is Board Certified Cardiac Interventionalist who believes in personal, prompt, compassionate care and endeavors to minimize any unnecessary waiting for patients. Dr. Vaderah will be discussing the subject of interventional cardiology with our ALS providers on the following dates and times:



- Anacortes Fire Department on **Wednesday, February 11th** at 9:30am
- Burlington Fire Department on **Friday, February 20th** at 11:30am.



Ambulance Documentation Essentials Training

As noted last week, **Maggie Adams** will explain the ever-changing requirements of documentation. This training is an excellent opportunity for everyone from the career paramedic who has written hundreds of reports to the newest EMTs who are just learning the finer points of documenting patient care. Using a very down-to-earth approach, Maggie offers practical tips on documenting the important elements of patient care. All providers are encouraged to attend one of the following four training sessions:

March 2nd	6:00 – 8:30pm	EMS Office Training Room
March 3rd	11:30am – 2:00pm	Burlington Fire Department
March 3rd	7:00 – 9:30pm	Burlington Fire Department
March 4th	9:00 – 11:30am	Anacortes Fire Department

Skagit EMS to host Critical Care / Flight Paramedic Course

On February 16-19, 27 Paramedics from Skagit, Island, San Juan, and Snohomish Counties along with Military Paramedics from across the US will be attending the first Critical Care/Flight Paramedic prep class held in Skagit County. This 40 hour course taught by Immediate Action Medicine was developed to prepare Paramedics for the

Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification (BCCTPC) exam. This exam is a National standard for Critical Care and Flight Paramedics. This course will be a valuable tool for our Paramedics wishing to expand their knowledge of managing Pre-Hospital Critical Care Patients and Flight Physiology. The US Navy has graciously agreed to provide one of their Search and Rescue Helicopters stationed out of NAS Whidbey Island for use by the students for class.





Community Response and Support Referral Program

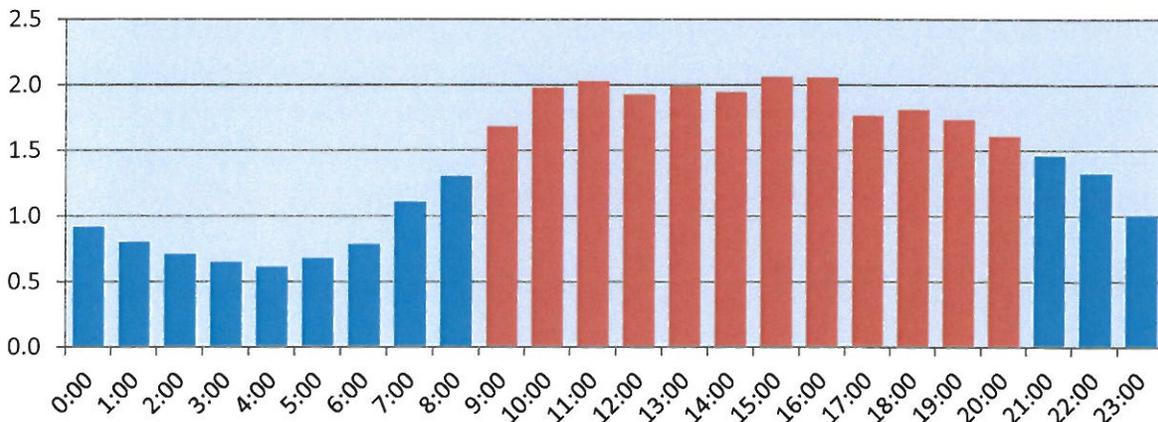
The Skagit County Emergency Medical Services Department (SCEMS) and Northwest Regional Council (NWRC) are excited to announce a new tool available to all fire and EMS agencies to assist in ensuring individuals seen by fire and EMS personnel who may need services not available through the 9-1-1 system are connected with the right resources. Responders on 9-1-1 calls simply identify potential needs on a standardized form; receive patient consent; and send the referral form to NWRC (fax 360-428-1302) after the call. NWRC's Aging and Disability Resources staff then contacts the individual, screens to determine the individual's needs and assists them in connecting to services within Skagit County. NWRC will also provide feedback directly to an assigned contact at each fire/EMS agency so responders know what actions are being taken based on the referral.

SCEMS and NWRC will be hosting an open meeting on **Tuesday, February 24th** from **3:00 to 4:30pm** at the EMS Training Room located at 2911 E. College Way, Mount Vernon to meet with any interested agencies to further explain the process and answer questions.

The goals of this program are to reduce the frequency of 9-1-1 calls for social and other low-acuity needs, and help to ensure that our fellow citizens are not falling through the cracks in an overly complex healthcare system, but rather have a strong understanding of what resources are available and know how to access them. Whatcom Fire District #7 has been coordinating with NWRC for more than 2 years now, and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue just under a year. Both have already seen a positive impact in the lives of those they serve. We are excited to now offer this to all interested agencies within Skagit County. For more information, email Mark Raaka at markr@co.skagit.wa.us or Kristine Glasgow at GlasgKM@dshs.wa.gov.

Did You Know...

2013 Average County-wide EMS Calls per Hour



67% of EMS calls in Skagit County occur between 9am and 9pm.

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