

Upcoming Training & Meetings:



BLS OTEP #1
7:00pm @ FD8 – Hickson Station

EMS Week Proclamation & Awards Ceremony

The Board of County Commissioners will be signing a proclamation for EMS week, as well as presenting awards for EMT, Paramedic and EMS Instructor of the Year on Monday, May 18th at 11am at the County Commissioners Hearing Room at 1800 Continental Place in Mount Vernon.

SHB 1721 – An Important Step in the Right Direction!

On May 1st Governor Jay Inslee signed into law SHB 1721 which requires the department of health, in consultation with the department of social and health services, to convene a work group comprised of members of the steering committee and representatives of ambulance services, firefighters, mental health providers, and chemical dependency treatment programs to establish alternative facility guidelines for the development of protocols, procedures, and applicable training appropriate to the level of emergency medical service provider for the appropriate transport of patients in need of immediate mental health or chemical dependency services. It also requires the state health care authority to develop a reimbursement methodology for ambulance services when transporting a medical assistance enrollee to a mental health facility or chemical dependency program.

This piece of legislation is an important step in moving towards a system in which EMS can take patients needing services other than the ER to the proper destination for their needs. Thank you to our local State Representatives **Norma Smith, Dave Hayes, Elizabeth Scott, Kristine Lytton** and **Jeff Morris**, and State Senators **Kevin Ranker, Kirk Pearson** and **Barbara Bailey** who all voted in support of this legislation!

North Region Advanced Burn Life Support Provider Course



St. Luke's Health & Education Center in Bellingham will house this all-day, hands-on training course in advanced life saving support for burn victims on **Monday, June 22nd**. Harborview will be providing the instructors and Washington State Department of Health will be sponsoring the class with disaster preparedness grant funds. Participants receive this valuable training for **FREE!**



Course Description: This is an eight-hour course for physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, therapists, and **paramedics**. The course provides guidelines in the assessment and management of the burn patient during the first 24 hours post injury. Following a series of lectures, case studies are presented for group discussions. An opportunity to work with a simulated burn patient to reinforce the assessment, stabilization, and the American Burn Association transfer criteria to a Burn Center will be given. Final testing consists of a written exam and a practical assessment.

If you wish to attend, please e-mail Heather at heather@northregionems.com with (1) your name, (2) agency / department, (3) e-mail address, (4) contact number(s) and vocation (Dr/RN/EMS, etc.)

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms!