

## Upcoming Training & Meetings:



Code Review  
7:00pm @ Allen Station



Code Review  
7:00pm @ Burlington



First Aid  
6:30pm @ Fire District #6

## County Commissioners BLS Integration Meeting

**WHEN:** July 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 11:30am

**WHERE:** County Commissioner's Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA

The County Commissioners will be holding a public meeting regarding BLS integration in Skagit County, and interested parties are encouraged to attend. Contact Mark Raaka, EMS Director @ [markr@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:markr@co.skagit.wa.us) if you have questions.

## PHTLS Class

**WHEN:** August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

**WHERE:** Ron Richeson training room at EMS Office.

The fall EMT class information and application packet is now available online under the Responder Training tab on our website at <http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/EmergencyMedicalServices>.

## EMS Training & Quality Assurance Manager Introduction



My name is Kevin Chao and I am the new Training and Quality Assurance Manager for Skagit County EMS. My wife Darlene and I recently relocated to Washington from Southern California. The change has been refreshing and we are enjoying everything that Washington has to offer. This state has some of the most spectacular scenery I have ever experienced. With my love of fishing and being on the water I know I am in the right place.

I am excited to bring my previous EMS experience to Skagit County. My experience includes EMT, Paramedic, Training Manager, Clinical Manager, Paramedic Coordinator, Quality Improvement Manager and EMS Specialist.

In my role as Training and Quality Assurance Manager I am a resource to all providers. I am here to assist you and help you through whatever challenges you may encounter. Training and quality go hand in hand. We must all commit to training to maintain and enhance our skills and knowledge. We must continually evaluate our performance as individuals and as a system looking for opportunities to improve. Through improvement we strive for excellence. Our customers deserve the very best.

Everyone I have met so far has made me feel very welcome. I sense a feeling of pride, professionalism and commitment from everyone. I have worked with some incredible people and great organizations over the years and I can already tell that is continuing here in Skagit County.

My phone number at the EMS Office is (360) 416-1835 and the cell phone is (360) 391-2652. I can also be reached by email at [kchao@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:kchao@co.skagit.wa.us). I am learning our EMS System and thoroughly enjoying every day. Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions or would just like to visit. I look forward to working with all of you.

*Have a wonderful weekend!*