

Skagit County AED Registry

Skagit County EMS is pleased to announce that we are in the process of implementing a countywide AED Registry. The registry is a free service to all AED owners. The purpose of the Registry is to let us (and 9-1-1) know where all the AEDs in the County are located. The system will also send reminders to the AED owners prior to expiration of pads and batteries. This will help ensure that AEDs are ready to go when needed. Our first step is to gather information on all the AEDs with first responders in the EMS system, and then we will be reaching out to the public as well to offer the same service to AEDs in businesses and other locations. For information on how to get your department's AEDs registered, contact Bev Reisland @ 360.416.1834 or briesland@co.skagit.wa.us.



ESO comments, questions and ideas

In July we reached a great milestone in that ALL transport agencies are putting patient care reports into the same ePCR system (ESO). And while we are still working out some glitches on the reporting side, this is still a big milestone and the efforts so far of everyone involved is greatly appreciated. We also want to make sure everyone is aware that when the transport agencies, the EMS office, Dr. Russell and ESO got together and agreed upon the standard reporting configuration being used countywide, we agreed not to make constant adjustments right away unless they were absolutely "mission critical." We know there are going to be ideas and suggestions about how to improve workflow, but rather than a constant flow of small changes, we agreed it would be better to gather ideas, comments, suggestions, etc. and then convene another meeting this fall to go through each idea and then implement all agreed upon changes system wide in a standard process. The EMS office and the transporting agencies also agreed that the EMS office would gather all the input. So if you have ideas, questions, comments, suggestions, etc., by all means please discuss internally within your agency and fellow responders, but also please make sure the comments are also sent electronically to the EMS office. All ESO related emails should start with "ESO" in the subject line and be emailed to markr@co.skagit.wa.us. Thanks!

Announcing the Dr. Ron Richeson Life Saver Award



Our citizens and visitors are fortunate that the 400+ volunteer and career EMS responders in Skagit County provide great care day in and day out. However we also know there are those special times when someone – whether it's a responder or member of the public – does something truly heroic. That is why we are pleased to announce the Dr. Ron Richeson Life Saver Award.

AWARD PROCESS: If you know of someone whose actions exemplify professionalism and excellence during a particular event that saved a life, please contact Kevin Chao at kchao@co.skagit.wa.us or 360.416.1835 and share the story. Award winners will be recognized at the regular EMS Updates to the Board of County Commissioners.

Have a safe and wonderful Labor Day weekend!