

Upcoming Training & Meetings:

 First Aid
10/26 7:00pm @ Rockport

 OTEP#2
10/28 7:00pm @ SAR

 OTEP #2
10/29 7:00pm @ Burlington

The Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN) at Harborview Medical Center presents:
Biomechanics & Trauma Lecture: Motor Vehicle Crash Injury Mechanisms: How to Assess Injury Patterns and Severity

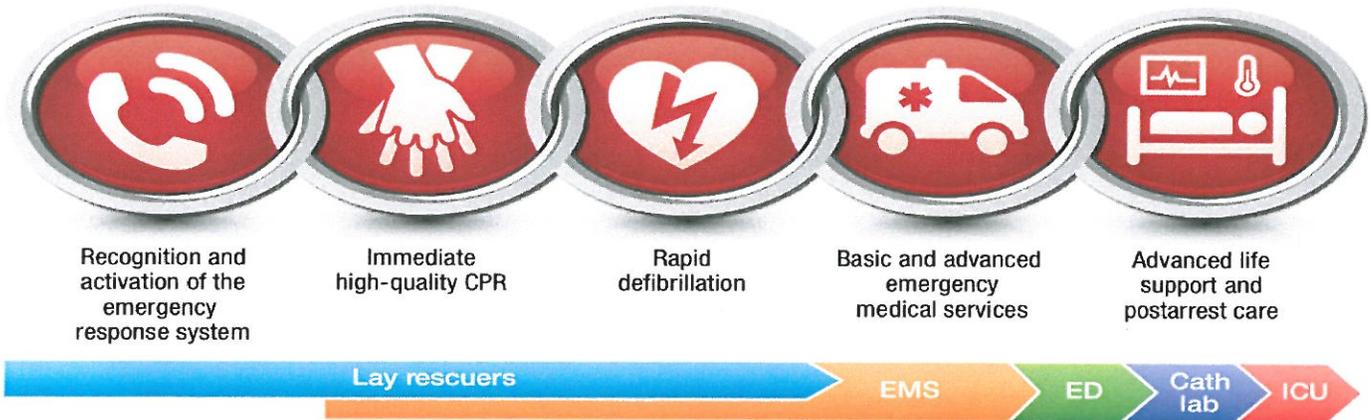


PRESENTER: Robert Kaufman from Harborview Medical Center
WHEN: Friday, December 4, 2015 from 9am – noon
WHERE: Mt. Vernon PUD Building
COST: **FREE!**
RSVP: Earl Klinefelter at 416-1832 or earlk@co.skagit.wa.us – *Class size is limited to first 100 registrants!*

Documentation Essentials & HIPAA Compliance

Mount Vernon and Burlington Fire Departments are bringing Maggie Adams from EMS Financial Systems back to Skagit County for more classes on EMS Documentation and HIPAA compliance. A flyer with dates, times and locations is attached to this newsletter. Contact the Mount Vernon Fire Department at 360-336-6277 for more information.

American Heart Association Guideline updates



Last week the American Heart Association (AHA) released the updates to their Emergency Cardiac Care guidelines. The updates reinforce the importance of (1) prompt activation of the 9-1-1 system, (2) immediate high quality CPR and (3) early defibrillation. One step we are taking in Skagit County to help improve the percentage of patients that survive out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in our communities is our new Automatic External Defibrillator registry. Our goal is to locate every AED in the county and add them all to the registry, which can then be used in real time to help dispatchers notify callers of the location of the nearest AED in the event of a cardiac arrest. Please share the attached registry form with any businesses, clubs, etc. that you may know who have AEDs on premise.



Documentation Essentials & HIPAA Compliance

Mount Vernon Fire Department in conjunction with the Burlington Fire Department is excited to bring Maggie Adams of EMS Financial Services to Skagit County to discuss Documentation Essentials and HIPAA Compliance.

Maggie Adams created EMS Financial Services to meet the changing needs of ambulance financial and billing management. Maggie has over twenty years of experience in healthcare and the ambulance industry. For thirteen years, Maggie was the president of the only company in the country devoted exclusively to EMS patient account collections and insurance denial appeals. For eight years, she was Page, Wolfberg & Wirth's senior consultant, a highly regarded presenter at their national ambulance billing conferences, and a key contributor in developing and delivering educational training sessions for the National Academy of Ambulance Coding. Throughout her career, Maggie has been a sought-after speaker. She has presented at national conferences and spoken to groups and ambulance providers in over 30 states. Maggie serves on the faculty of the EMS Leadership Institute. She is a graduate of the Wharton School of Economics and Finance, University of Pennsylvania.*

The 2 hour classes will address the purpose of documentation and how to write a complete and accurate report. Cost is \$25 per student.

How to Register: To register, call or email the Mount Vernon Fire Department at 360.336.6277 or mvfire@mountvernonwa.gov. Space is limited.

October 26th

Mount Vernon Police Department

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

October 27th

Burlington Fire Department

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

October 28th

Burlington Fire Department

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Mount Vernon Police Department

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Burlington Fire Department

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

October 29th

Burlington Fire Department

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

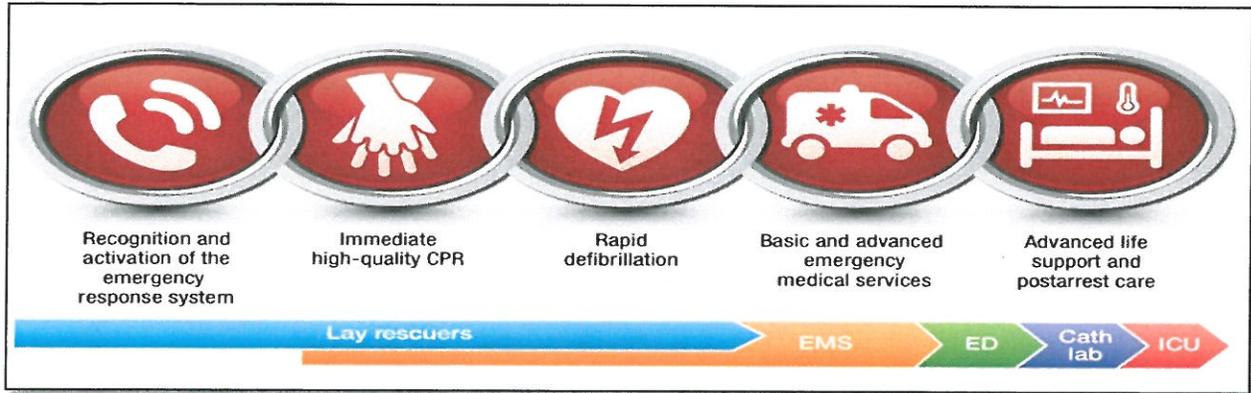
**THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO ALL
FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENTS**





Seconds count when a heart stops...

... which is why Skagit County EMS is excited to announce the Skagit Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Registry. The American Heart Association's **Chain of Survival** shows what multiple studies have proven; early activation of the 9-1-1 system, immediate CPR, and rapid defibrillation are **critical** in saving victims of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests.



The Skagit AED registry is a **free** service to all AED owners within Skagit County. The registry will:

- Show 9-1-1 dispatchers the nearest location of an AED in the event of a cardiac arrest.
- Provide reminders to AED owners 30 days *before* pads and batteries expire to ensure that AEDs are always ready when needed.



AEDs already in the registry will be identifiable by a numbered sticker (sample above). To enter an AED into the registry, please complete the following information and send it to:

Email: kchao@co.skagit.wa.us

US mail: EMS Department, 2911 E. College Way, Suite C, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

AED Location Name _____

AED Street Address, City, Zip Code _____

AED Placement (description of where to find AED) _____

AED Serial Number _____

AED Manufacturer _____

Model _____

Battery Model _____

Battery Expiration Date _____

Electrode (pads) Model _____

Electrode Expiration Date _____

Contact name _____

Phone number _____

Primary Site Contact E-mail _____