




Upcoming Training & Meetings:

 Code Review
9/28 7:00pm @ Mt. Erie

 Code Review
9/28 7:00pm @ Hickson

 Code Review
10/1 7:00pm @ MVFD

Training Updates

It is hard to believe that summer is gone and the busy holiday season is rapidly approaching. The EMS department staff is planning for the education and training opportunities for 2016. Our ongoing commitment is to provide quality, relevant training and exciting educational opportunities. Training should be challenging and enjoyable. We will be working hard to fulfill our commitment. In 2016 we will be changing our approach to the BLS training. There will be more interactive “hands on” training. We are also looking to facilitate more multi-jurisdictional joint training. The reality of EMS is that it is collaborative with multiple providers working together for the customer.

“Confidence comes from discipline and training”

- Robert Kiyosaki



We are developing additional half day and full day educational opportunities to be offered throughout the year. The first of these will be later this year:

PRESENTER: Dr. Robert Kaufman from Harborview Medical Center
TOPIC: Motor Vehicle Trauma
DATE: Friday, December 4, 2015
TIME: 9am – noon
LOCATION: Mt. Vernon PUD Building
COST: FREE!

We are also working on BLS training days that would be open to BLS providers who would like to enhance their knowledge and skills in areas that are of interest. This would be optional training with a Certificate of Accomplishment. The majority of these topics will qualify for continuing education credit.

Lastly, an **Education & Training Questionnaire** was just sent out to all providers, and another copy is attached to this newsletter as well. The success of our programs relies heavily on meeting the needs of our users. Thank you for taking the time to provide input. We look forward to a great year of education and training. As always should you have any questions or ideas please feel free to contact Kevin Chao, Training and Quality Assurance Manager at 360.416.1835 or kchao@co.skagit.wa.us.

Skagit County AED Registry – **THIRD** Announcement!

As of Friday 9/25 we’ve received AED registry forms back from the following departments:

Fire Districts 6, 13, 16, 17, 19 and Sedro-Woolley



The purpose of the Registry is to let us (and 9-1-1) know where all the AEDs in the County are located. The registry 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. A copy of the registry form is attached to this newsletter. **Please** make sure your department’s AED(s) are entered into the registry! For information, contact Bev Riesland at 360.416.1834 or briesland@co.skagit.wa.us.

Education and Training Questionnaire

The Education Workgroup has met for the first time. We are in the process of scheduling our next meeting. We understand with busy schedules and other commitments everyone is not able to attend the meetings. This feedback mechanism is one of the methods to receive input from all providers on education and training. The success of our programs relies heavily on meeting the needs of our users. Thank you for taking the time to provide input.

1. What do you like best about the current training process?

2. Do you have any suggestions on how we can improve our process?

3. What topics / subjects would you like to see that are not currently offered?



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The Skagit AED Registry is a free service to all AED owners. The purpose of the Registry is let us know where in the county the AED's are. This also will send reminders to the owners and our registry prior to expiration dates of pads, batteries. AED owners can decide to make the AED public or private. If by making the AED public you allow the system to notify responders of the location of your AED if it is within 1,200 feet of the cardiac arrest. This can help save a life. Good Samaritan Laws protect users and responders. Owners of the AED's are also protected as long as the AED is maintained. The Registry will support keeping AED electrodes and batteries current.

All AED's in our system will have red sticker that says SKAGIT AED REGISTRY and a number.

The information needed to enter AED's into the program

AED Location Name _____

AED Street Address, City, Zip Code _____

AED Placement-(description of where to find AED) _____

AED Serial Number _____

AED Manufacturer _____

AED Model _____

Battery Model _____

Battery Expiration date _____

Electrode(pads)Model _____

Electrode Expiration Date _____

Contact person _____

Contact or site's phone number _____

Primary Site Contact E-mail _____

Email information to: briesland@co.skagit.wa.us Questions please call the EMS office at (360)416-1830