

**Upcoming Training & Meetings:**



OTEP #2  
7:00pm @ Cedardale



First Aid  
7:00pm @ Punkin Center



Code Review  
7:00pm @ Lake McMurray



Code Review  
6:00pm @ Anacortes



EMS TAG meeting  
10:00am @ EMS office



Code Review  
1:30pm @ Mount Vernon

**Training & Education Workgroup**

On September 15<sup>th</sup> we had the first meeting of the Education Workgroup. There was representation from a variety of provider agencies leading to valuable input on a variety of subjects. The success of our EMS education and training is contingent on meeting the needs of all stakeholders.

Our training and education must be dynamic to change as needs change. The nature of EMS is to continually identify new and improved ways of providing service with the ultimate goal of positive patient outcomes. These new ways require education, training and implementation. We are all so fortunate to work in a profession that provides so many challenges and opportunities.

*“Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”*

- Will Rogers

The workgroup is an initial step to establish open communication to determine system needs. The Education Workgroup will transition to an Education Advisory Committee. This committee will have designated representatives and will meet on a quarterly basis.

The expertise of our system participants through collaborative efforts will create a path for the future. I thank all of you for your commitment, input and time. I will be announcing the date and time of our next workgroup meeting this next week. 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](mailto:kchao@co.skagit.wa.us).

**DID YOU KNOW...**



- EMS treats nearly 300,000 victims of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest each year in the U.S.
- Less than eight percent of people who suffer cardiac arrest outside the hospital survive.
- Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone at any time. Many victims appear healthy with no known heart disease or other risk factors.
- Less than one-third of out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest victims receive bystander CPR.
- Effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest, can double or triple a victim’s chance of survival.
- Studies have shown that children as young as 9 years old can learn and retain CPR skills.

-American Heart Association