



Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation

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→ Agenda

- Proclamation as part of Presentation
- Request Public Health Advisory Council support in proclaiming May 19-25 as National EMS week in Washington County



WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service

- EMS Alliance
 - Governing Board
 - Affiliate Members
 - Stakeholders
- Medical directors:
 - Dr. Ritu Sahni
 - Dr. Jesse Bohrer-Clancy
 - Dr. Mo Daya



Governing Board:

- Banks, Chief Linz
- FGF&R, Chief Geering
- HF&R, Chief Downey
- TVF&R, Chief Weiss
- WC, ACA Marni Kuyl

Affiliate Members:

- American Medical Response
- Metro West Ambulance
- Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA)

Stakeholders:

- Medical Directors
- System Utilizers
- Hospitals
- Staff from EMS system agencies



WHEREAS,

the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week

WHEREAS,

access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury

- Response to Cardiac Arrest is one of the things we are looking at specifically in how our system responds
- In Washington County the survival rate for a person experiencing Cardiac Arrest is almost 2 ½ times better than the national rate



WHEREAS,

emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine

- Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue implementing new community paramedicine program
- County EMS examining the option of adding a nurse triage component to the 9-1-1 call center to better serve people who call 9-1-1 for lack of transportation, healthcare or other reasons

A few examples:

- Annual Multi-Agency Training (MAT) to facilitate continued systemwide training where we learn and practice together
- Annual West End MAT for those agencies with smaller staff, more volunteers, and different challenges.
- Individual agencies do ongoing training to keep skills strong or learn new skills as equipment or protocols change

WHEREAS,

the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills

WHEREAS,

the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, emergency nurses and physicians, **trained members of the public**, and other out of hospital medical care providers

People in the community are often the FIRST first responders:

- 40% of witnessed cardiac arrests have CPR applied by a bystander (nationally)
- 75% of witnessed cardiac arrests in Washington County have CPR applied by a bystander

Thank you!



WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating the Emergency Medical Services Week

→ Now Therefor,

- We request that the PHAC support Washington County EMS in requesting that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, acting as the local public health authority, proclaim the week of May 19-25, 2024 as National EMS Week.





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