The Department of Human Services, Public Health Division, Office of the Oregon Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems (EMS/TS) Program is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the Portland State Office Building, Suite 465, 800 N.E. Oregon Street, Portland.

Oregon EMS Award Winners!

During the Award Banquet at the Oregon EMS Conference, the following individuals and groups were recognized for their service to our state:

**Civilian Service Medal** – Steve Godwin, Larry Boettcher, Ron Billings, and Dewain Farner of Vinson Brothers Construction

**EMS Impact Medal** – Mike Verkest, EMT-P of American Medical Response

**Community Service Medal** – Sheila Jackson, EMT-P of Corvallis Fire Department

**Unit Citations**
- Shelley Cota, EMT-B; Raymond Cota; Holly Vaughn, EMT-B; Wayne Vaughn; Christie Davis; Matt Davis; Norman Brown; Lisa Ragsdale, EMT-B; Teresa Bernardi, EMT-I; Michelle Kay, EMT-P; Tara Bamburg, EMT-B; Charlotte Koch, EMT-B; Randy Carlton, EMT-B; Scott Laird, EMT-B; Kristina McCord, EMT-B; Caressa Brooks; Tom Moss, EMT-B; Daniel Owens, EMT-B; Darrell Wolfe, EMT-B; and Torie Ellis of Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Association – Metro West Ambulance
- Mike Anderberg, EMT-B, (RMFD); Jamie Beech, EMT-P, (AMR); Lt. Lloyd Lawless, EMT-B (RMFD); Ryan Small, EMT-B (RMFD); and Ben Stevenson, EMT-P (AMR) of AMR and Rural Metro in Grants Pass
- Shawn Pattee, EMT-P and Audrey Pollinger, EMT-P of Winston-Dillard Fire and Rescue
Lifesaving Medals
- Donald Meyers, EMT-B – AMR Special Services Division, Sandy Fire Department
- Ginger Slavens, EMT-B – Department of Homeland Security, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Meritorious Service
- Dr. Phyllis Gilmore, Providence Medical Group Vernonia
- Robert Giusti, FNP

EMS Cross – Larry Shock, EMT-P of Eugene Fire and EMS

EMS Cross – Donald Cooper, EMT-P of American Medical Response in Grants Pass

Medal of Valor
- Senior Trooper Michael Holloran of the Oregon State Police
- Jeremy Houston, EMT-P; Bob Johnson, EMT-P; Wayne Wilson, EMT-B of Medix Ambulance and Dick Virk of Pacific Power and Light

EMS Administrator of the Year – Shawn Baird, EMT-P of Woodburn Ambulance

EMS Medical Director of the Year – Craig Warden, MD of Clackamas Fire District #1

“Gail Marsh Madsen Award” Educator of the Year – Karen Anderson, RN of Eugene Fire and EMS Department

Provider of the Year – First Responder: Lydia Durham of Banks Fire District #13

Provider of the Year – EMT-Intermediate: Mara Solano of Lane County

EMS Commitment to Quality – Life Flight Network, LLC

Director’s Medal – Paula Derr, RN, BSN, CCRN of Saint Vincent’s Medical Center

The EMS/TS would also like to thank the Awards Committee for their work on reviewing the nominees:
- Peggy Andrews, EMT-P, Chemeketa Community College
- Lisa Dodson, MD, Oregon Area Health Education Centers
- JD Fuiten, Metro West Ambulance, Pacific West Ambulance, and Bay City Ambulance
• Toni Grimes, EMT-P, Woodburn Ambulance
• Tina Greiner, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association
• Adam Maurer, Santiam Hospital Ambulance
• Pete Tracy, Life Assist

Please nominate individuals for these awards as events occur. The form is on available here: http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ems/recognition/index.shtml

FIRST RESPONDER CERTIFICATION
First responders are now certified by the EMS and Trauma Systems (EMS/TS) Program. The EMS/TS Program has provided information and applications to individuals and agencies that have reported providing first responder care. The EMS/TS Program is issuing certifications to first responders. If you have questions, please contact our office. If you have questions, please contact our office at 971-673-0520.

Sri Lanka connects with Oregon
During February 2006, Donna Wilson EMT-P, Justin Hardwick EMT-P, and Susan Werner RN were members of a team of 5 EMS professionals who traveled to Sri Lanka to teach the first EMT classes available on the island. During September of this year, Oregon was host to 10 members of the Sri Lanka EMS System - 2 physicians, 7 EMT trainers, and 1 member of the Sri Lankan Medical Teams International staff, who have undertaken the job of developing an EMS and Trauma System in Sri Lanka, a small island country off the tip of India.

Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Trauma Secretariat and Dr. Lalith Chandradasa, National EMS Advisory met with the EMS and Trauma Systems and the Emergency Preparedness Staff members to discuss EMS, Trauma and Emergency Preparedness system development. Additionally the physician group toured Oregon Health and Sciences University and the Silverton Hospital campuses.

Seven EMT instructors also made the trip to the United States including Tuan Kamoorzaman Jamilon, Nominathan Raman, Nuwan Chamara Ekanayaka Arachichige Don, Udesh Gayan Chaturanga Wiritthalmulla Gamage, employees of Medical Teams International in Sri Lanka and Rukshan Amila Jayasinghe KaniKanamge Don, Sameera Dilruk Thalakarathne Kaludurage, and Asanka Weerakkody Rathnayaka Mudiyanselage from the Columbo Fire Brigade. Columbo is the capital of Sri Lanka. Donnie Woodyard, Sri Lanka County Director for Medical Teams International also accompanied the delegation. The EMTs spent training time with Woodburn Ambulance, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Metro West, Seattle Fire, Portland Airport Fire, American Medical Response, Seattle office, Molalla Fire Department and class time at OHSU/OIT Paramedic Department.
The EMTs also spent time with Donna Wilson, EMT-P Mobile Training Unit discussing how to recruit, train, maintain and reimburse ambulance providers. Sri Lanka is a small country (24,996 sq. mi.) and there was lively discussion regarding utilization of a system similar to the MTU in their country. At this time, the seven EMT trainers who visited are responsible for all training from First Responder through Basic EMT. This small cadre of seven EMS instructors has trained more than 700 Sri Lankans during the past two years. The EMT training manual has been translated into Singhala and Tamil to assist in the training activities.

The members of the Sri Lanka delegation were able to attend the 20th anniversary celebration of the Oregon Trauma System. Our sincere thanks to all those who participated in this one-in-a-lifetime training experience. Additional information about their trip can be found at: [http://www.oregonlive.com/news/index.ssf/2008/10/volunteer_oregonians_help_trai.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/news/index.ssf/2008/10/volunteer_oregonians_help_trai.html).

**EMS Program Activity**

During September, five new ambulances were licensed. Oregon Law Enforcement Data Systems background reviews were conducted on 1050 new applicants and 24 national background reviews were completed. Four new investigations were opened. Five investigations were closed. One individual was sent a Cease and Desist letter for representing himself as an Oregon Paramedic.

One EMT has been placed on suspension pending the outcome of a criminal proceeding. Twenty-six certificate holders are completing court diversion requirements for DUII. There are currently 18 certificate holders on department-stipulated probation with one pending revocation of certification and probation.
### EMS Program information for September

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### NUMBER OF EMTs BY LEVEL OF EMT CERTIFICATION

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New Agency Reportable Actions (E-4) form

The Reportable Actions Form (E-4) has been recently updated. The updates were made to bring the form into compliance with OAR 333-265 and to make the form more user friendly. The changes to the E-4 include making all reportable actions due to the Public Health Division within 14 days. Other changes include reportable actions regarding health status, inclusion of e-mail address and certification level, including First Responders and item re-organization to help clarify the form.

The Reportable Actions Form (E-4) form is a valuable tool for the EMS office in keeping accurate and updated information on First Responders and EMT’s in Oregon. First Responders, EMT’s, and EMS Agencies should be aware of the reportable actions required by law and use the E-4 form to report them. The form is available on DHS-EMS and Trauma Systems website at http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ems/forms/emt/e-4.pdf

Pediatric Sessions a success at Oregon EMS Conference

EMSC sponsored pediatric sessions at the Oregon EMS Conference. These sessions included a hands-on experience and orientation to high fidelity pediatric simulation equipment and pediatric emergency scenarios in which participants practiced their skills. In addition Dr. Jim Broselow of the Broselow-Luten Color Coding System spoke at the general session on the Color Coding Kids system for therapeutic pathways designed to increase efficiencies while reducing medical errors.

In the follow up session Dr. Broselow spoke on the color coding kids system to show how it can be extended to the general public to address dosing issues and how color can become a broader language to communicate the ever changing needs of children as they grow.

Trauma News

The Oregon Trauma Emergency Assessment and Management (T.E.A.M.) course revision is nearing completion. This course is designed to provide a foundation of knowledge for nurses who function as members of the trauma care team. The principles and priorities of initial resuscitation and stabilization of the seriously injured patient are addressed during this two-day class. The revision includes the newest information from ATLS and trauma nursing resources as well as updated instruction materials and reference materials. The T.E.A.M. course meets the Oregon trauma system hospital requirement for a 16-hour Health Division approved trauma life support course for nurses as well as the Oregon requirement for 16 hours of trauma related nursing CEUs. (OAR 333-200-0080 (5)(b) Exhibit 4).
As the leaves change their colors, changing the landscape of Oregon from summer to winter, it's time for the Oregon Trauma Program to say goodbye to summer and to Michelle Haun-Hood, whose last day was Tuesday, October 21. Michelle was a great member of the State Trauma Program and accomplished great things in the short time she was at the state office. Although she came into the state trauma department with many years of experience, it was her ability to apply her expertise to assist hospital trauma programs and ambulance agencies in so many ways - to interpret the rules, assist you all so well in your preparations for and during designation visits, assisting with the new TraumaOne Registry, to facilitate meetings that were so instrumental in moving the discussions regarding the trauma rules, the T.E.A.M. course updates, and to assist in regional planning at the ATAB and STAB meetings. We can call her our employee, our peer, our colleague, but most important of all, we can call her friend.

Thanks, Michelle, for all that you have done for each of us as individuals and for the trauma patients throughout Oregon that have benefited from your hard work and attention. We look forward to working with you in your new position with Providence St. Vincent’s Hospital in Portland.

AND FROM THE RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE:

Experiences of Critical Access Hospitals in the Provision of Emergency Medical Services (Policy Brief) - This brief presents Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis research conducted to better understand the experiences of Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in operating an EMS unit. Using key informant interviews, researchers examined motivations for acquiring EMS services and the effect of these services on the level of emergency care available in the community. The benefits and challenges that CAH providers face in operating EMS services are discussed.


Congratulations to the Office of Rural Health on another exceptional conference.

Questions about the Regulations
Chapter 333, Division 265
Emergency Medical Technicians and First Responders

1. Section 333-265-0010(3)
This rule addresses the Public Health Division’s ability to allow a hospital to conduct an EMT-Basic course if there is no training available at a teaching institution in a rural part of the state.

Question: Can a hospital apply for a variance to teach an Intermediate class?
No. The rule provides authority only for EMT-Basic training and was unchanged from the previous regulations.

2. Section 333-265-0014(2)(c)
Clinical education of at least eight hours in a hospital or acute care department or other appropriate clinical or acute care medical facility where the skills within an EMT-Basic scope of practice are performed under the supervision of a preceptor.

Question: Would you consider an acute care facility the same as working in the back of an ambulance in order to fulfill this requirement for the above rule?

An ambulance is not an acute care facility.
The statute and rules do not provide the EMS/Trauma program to waive requirement.

The purpose for this requirement:
Students would observe emergency department operations to gain an appreciation for the continuum of care and would have the opportunity to perform approximately ten patient assessments (patient history, vital signs, and focused examination) under the supervision of a qualified preceptor.

An option would be to provide the students a tour of the emergency dept and an opportunity to perform clinical assessments in another setting. This could include a private MDs office, clinic, urgent care, or a nursing home.

3. Section 333-265-0018 (e)
(e) Have participated in a course director program offered by the Division;
Course Director Qualifications for First Responder Courses

Question: Since the Department has not offered such a course, how do they comply with this requirement?

The EMS/TS needs to develop qualified course directors. Until a course director training is developed and is widely available this requirement will not be enforced.

4. Section 333-265-0023(5)
(5) The First Responder cognitive and practical examinations will be administered by an entity approved by the Division to conduct First Responder courses. An approved entity must use a Division approved cognitive and practical exam. The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians cognitive examination for First Responders may also be used.
Question: Regarding First Responders: the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians cognitive exam for First Responders may also be used. How will the agencies be able to access this so students may take the cognitive exam?

The fee for this exam would have to be paid direct to the National Registry.

Question: Who is going to manage these accounts with National Registry? Will it be coordinated through our office or by the individual agencies?

Initially, EMS/TS will handle this similar to the way in which it handles the Intermediate-85 process. Recent First Responder Certificate holders will be approved for testing by the EMS/TS Program. The testing fees/etc are handled by the applicant and sent directly to the National Registry.

5. Section 333-265-0023(7)
(7) The EMT-Paramedic practical examination is a National Registry of EMTs examination offered at various times during the year by the Division. An EMT-Paramedic student may take the EMT-Paramedic practical in any state that it is offered.

Question: Can a Basic student go out of state to test for a practical exam?

No. Only the paramedic practical may be taken out of state (as it is, theoretically, the same test in all Registry states and territories). The Basic practical is Oregon specific and the Registry has agreed to accept the Oregon practical for purposes of NREMT.

6. Section 333-265-0023(16)
EMT- Basic and Intermediate practical exams must be attended by a Division approved certifying officer and exam evaluator.

Question: Are we going to require these individuals to apply with a resume?

The screening process for certifying officers and exam evaluators does include submitting an application accompanied by a resume.

The Program maintains a roster of approved certifying officers and exam evaluators. The roster is reviewed and updated at least biannually. These individuals must meet the standards in OAR 333-265-0023(16). The Community Colleges and training agencies will select their Certifying Officers and exam evaluators from this roster.

7. Section 333-265-0025(3)(d)
Be a high school graduate or equivalent, and for EMT-Paramedic certification, have an associate’s degree in applied science or higher as approved by the
State Board of Education and offered by Oregon’s two-year community colleges or four-year colleges.

Question: The rule seems to specify only an Oregon Department of Education degree, what if the Oregon Department of Education has accredited a school in Washington such as Northwest Regional Training? What if a person already has a degree issued by a college from another state when they enter into their paramedic education? How will this be addressed from the standpoint of this rule?

An applicant should not be able to take less rigorous training requirements by taking the course outside of Oregon. On the other hand, if someone has been trained in another place but meets the Oregon requirements, they should be able to get a certification.

To get a EMT certificate someone must:

- Have an Associates degree or higher from an accredited institution for paramedics or high school diploma or equivalent for first responders and other EMTs.
- Get EMT training/education from a school/program that follows the appropriate U.S. Department of Transportation curriculum
- Pass the National Registry exam, and
- Pass a criminal background check.

Someone who took a first responder or EMT course in another state has two methods of obtaining certification:

1) Section 333-265-0025
(6) An applicant for an initial certification as a first responder or EMT who completed training in a program outside Oregon and has never been certified in another state, must meet all requirements established for someone completing training in an Oregon training program, and must have passed the National Registry for EMT’s cognitive examination and practical skills examination for the level that they are seeking certification and make application within 24 months from the date they completed their training program.

2) Indorsement (reciprocity) - Section 333-265-0050
First Responder and EMT Certification by Indorsement
A person certified with another state as a first responder or EMT and registered with the National Registry of EMT’s at that level may apply to the Division for a certificate by indorsement.
(2) A person applying for Oregon first responder or EMT certification by indorsement must:
Be in good standing with the applicant’s current certifying agency and with the National Registry of EMTs and consent to and pass a criminal background check in accordance with OAR Section 333-265-0025(3).

8. Section 333-265-0025(6)
An applicant for an initial certification as an EMT or First Responder, who completed training in a program outside Oregon and has never been certified in another state, must meet all requirements established for someone completing training in an Oregon training program, and must have passed the National Registry for EMT’s cognitive exam.

Question: What do they have to met? Example: Students in Oregon that go to Northwest Regional Training Center. How will the phrase, “must meet all requirements established for someone completing training in an Oregon program...” be interpreted? Must the students have the same attendance, clinical, internship and course director requirements as Oregon, as spelled out in other sections of the law?

The policy on what is meant by “all requirements established for someone completing training in an Oregon training program...” is:

Associates Degree (or higher) accredited by that State’s similar state entity, a course that matched the U.S. Department Of Transportation curriculum, the appropriate field internship experience, a national registry certification and to pass a background check.

9. Section 333-265-0030(2)
The initial application and same-day practical examination fees for EMTS:
(a) Basic is $70.00

Question: What if a student does not pass a particular course, making the student ineligible to test? What about the money they have already paid, to take the exam $70? Will it be returned to the individual?

The fee is non-refundable. If they subsequently pass the class, the Program will not charge them again.

10. Section 333-265-0050(1)
A person certified with another state as a First Responder and registered with the National Registry.

The EMS and Trauma System Program expects to have very few First Responders applying; this was done to assist the National Guard.
Question: What if a person lives in Canada or another foreign country, can they apply for certification by Indorsement? What would they have to do?

If the training that they have obtained makes them eligible to sit for the National Registry test (curriculum consistent with U.S. Department of Transportation, etc), they are currently licensed/certified in good standing and meet the educational requirements (High School, Associates degree) they can apply for certification by indorsement. They must pass the appropriate Registry exam before receiving their Oregon certification. Of course there may be an issue with the background check, we will have to review specific requests.

11. Section 333-265-0050(2)(b)
Submit documentation of the First Responder or EMT training which meets or exceeds the requirements for Oregon First Responder or EMT certification at the level of certification for which the person is applying:

Question: What type of documentation meets or exceeds the requirements for Oregon First Responder and EMT certification? Will a National Registry certification suffice for this for First Responder, Basic and Paramedic? Will an EMT-I 99 National Registry certification suffice for this too? Is there still a need to show completion of Oregon-specific skills for the Basic level (subcutaneous epi administration, blood glucose determination and AED)?

To apply for Indorsement the EMS and Trauma Systems Program requires:

- Proof that the applicant is old enough for the level of certification requested.
- Proof of completion of the appropriate First Responder or EMT course.
- Proof of current NREMT certification.
- Proof of current, valid state certification/licensure.
- For paramedics, a copy of the diploma and transcript from the degree granting institution(s). A certified copy of the diploma and/or transcript may be further requested.

The Program will still require completion of the Oregon specific skills for the Basic level.

12. Section 333-265-0050

Question: What happens if they have let their National Registry expire for more then two years?

NREMT must be current.
If your National EMS Certification lapsed within a two year period or you are currently state licensed as an EMS provider, you can obtain National
Certification by completing a state approved Refresher course and successfully completing the cognitive and psychomotor examinations. If your EMS certification expired more than two years ago, you must complete an entire state-approved course and complete the cognitive and psychomotor examinations.

13. Section 333-265-0050
(5) The Division shall be the sole agency authorized to determine equivalency of course work presented from an out of state accredited educational institution.

Question: What will the EMS and Trauma Systems Program look at as course work?
“Accreditation” should be specifically defined as a policy for out-of state courses and programs.

Since we no longer require a specific degree, looking at specific coursework is no longer necessary.

Accreditation only applies to the degree and “Accredited institution of higher learning” means an educational institution recognized by either the US Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Websites for reference are www.ed.gov and www.chea.org (click on database and directories).

14. Section 333-265-0050
(6) The Division shall return any application that is incomplete, or can not be verified.

Question: Are the fees refunded or does the EMS and Trauma Systems Program keep the fees?

Per 333-265-0030(11) All fees established in this section are nonrefundable.

15. Section 333-265-0060
Provisional Certification

Question: Nothing in this rule states how long is a provisional certificate good for?

The Program will write an individual agreement with each approved provisional paramedic. The agreement will spell out what they need to do and how long they have to do it. If they fail to meet the requirements of the agreement, the provisional paramedic status shall be terminated.
16. Section 333-265-0060
(5)(c) “Does not submit written documentation of the successful completion of any of the educational requirements set out in section (1) of this rule.”

Question: Is this going to apply to the quarterly reports? If so, then what expectations will the EMS/TS have for the provisional paramedic’s educational progress?

The Provisional Paramedic agreement will identify what the provisional paramedic needs to do and how long they have to complete the work. If they fail to meet the requirements of the agreement, the provisional paramedic status shall be terminated. The EMS/TS will keep track of the agreements in the same manner that is used to track of probationers agreements.

17. Section 333-265-0090(1)(b)
(1) An EMT may revert to a lower level of certification at any time during a certification period if the EMT:
(a) Submits a written request to the Division specifying the reason for the change in the certification level;
(b) Submits an application for recertification for the lower level of certification sought with the appropriate fee;

Question: Will they submit a letter to the EMS and Trauma Systems Program along with the new fee?
Is the “appropriate fee” referring to a recertification fee?

The “appropriate fee” reflects the administrative costs to process the application and issue a new certificate. We will currently set the fee at $10 and consider it equivalent to producing a duplicate certificate.

18. Section 333-265-0100
Expiration, Recertification and Reinstatement of EMT Certification

Question: What happens to a certificate holder whose certification has expired more then two years?

The regulations do not provide for reinstatement after two years. To become a provider, the certificate holder must go back to an initial training program and obtain the appropriate certifications. Special consideration will be given to certificate holders on active military service.

19. Section 333-265-0150(1)(b)
“Upon the return of the completed audit forms to the Division, the Division shall begin the process of verifying the continuing education records.”
Question: What will be considered acceptable and valid for the continuing education records? What about conference flyers, military printouts, etc?

Ideally the documentation should identify the date of the training, the content and the duration. If possible, substantiation of the training should be possible (i.e. identifying the conference, training program, video or article which was used for continuing education). Since documentation of continuing education is not a new requirement, standards that have been used in the past will apply.

20. Section 333-265-0180(4)
The Division may administratively revert any EMT-Intermediate to an EMT-Basic level for failing to complete the Division approved Bridge Course by June 30, 2008. An EMT-Intermediate who is administratively reverted shall surrender his or her certificate to the Division and will be issued an EMT-Basic certification.

The EMS/TS reverted EMT-Intermediate certificate holders who did not complete the bridge to EMT-Basic.

21. Are there testing fees for first responders?

There are no testing fees for First Responders.

22. Is an EMT-Intermediate student required to be affiliated with an EMS agency and have a medical director?

No, this is not required by the rules.

23. OAR 333-265-0060, EMT-Paramedic Provisional Certification

Question: How will EMT-Paramedic applicants who do not meet the Associate Degree requirement and request provisional certification be handled?

As authorized by ORS 682.216, the Division may issue a one-time provisional EMT-Paramedic certification to an out-of-state certified EMT-Paramedic who meets the requirements identified above, except for the educational requirements and is in the process of obtaining an associate’s degree in applied science or higher from an accredited institution of higher education.

The Provisional certificate applicant must submit:
(a) A letter of recommendation from the applicant’s most recent Medical Director;
(b) A letter from an Oregon EMS agency specifying that the person shall be immediately employed or has a conditional offer of employment, whether in a paid or volunteer capacity;
(c) A letter from the applicant’s prospective EMS Medical Director stating that the EMS Medical Director will serve as his or her EMS Medical Director while being provisionally certified, and
(d) A letter indicating that he/she has been admitted to accredited institution of higher learning also indicating the number of credits/hours for the individual to complete the degree requirements.

The amount of time provided depends on how many hours/credits the individuals needs to complete the degree requirements.

“In process” means a person who has been accepted as a student in an accredited institution of higher education and is enrolled to take classes.


24. What are the continuing education requirements for EMTS for next year’s renewal?

The new continuing education requirements do not become effective until July 1, 2009. Next year the continuing education requirements are:
EMT-Basic    25 hours
EMT-Intermediate 14 hours
EMT-Paramedic    24 hours

After July 1, 2009
EMT-Basic    24 hours
EMT-Intermediate 36 hours
EMT-Paramedic    48 hours

A current national registry card can be used to document competency in lieu of continuing education.

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Mass Fatalities State Plan Seminar and Tabletop Exercise
The purpose is to introduce the State Mass Fatalities Plan to a broad range of county/regional responders, to discuss the coordination of state and local response, and to ensure the state plan is realistic, clear, and adequate. The tabletop exercise will focus on the state response, but will also stimulate discussion about county/local roles and responsibilities. The scenario for the tabletop exercise will be an earthquake. James Roddey, the Oregon geologist who is the earthquake subject matter expert for the Cascadia Peril scenario, will present on what to expect from such an earthquake in each location. The training
would be particularly useful for those planning to participate in the Cascadia full-scale exercise next spring.

Participants will receive an orientation to the State Mass Fatalities Plan, participate in discussions related to State and county roles and responsibilities and lines of communications, identify gaps in the State Mass Fatalities Plan, identify local areas that need strengthening, participate in a debriefing, or “hotwash,” and make recommendations for closing identified gaps.

The seminar and exercise is open to the faith community, morticians, funeral directors, medical examiners, Oregon tribes, and professionals from local health departments, hospitals, vital records, emergency management, law enforcement, fire/hazmat, EMS, Healthcare Regional Coordinators, PHEP Liaisons, and other emergency response partners.  Course # C00808

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National Association of EMS Physicians Conference and the National EMS Medical Directors Course, January 2009 in Florida – get the details from Ritu Sahni, M.D., ritu.sahni@state.or.us

Online pre registration is now available for the 9th Annual EMSC 2009 Conference.  The conference will be held in Seaside Oregon February 27 (pre conference session), 28, and March 1 2009.  This years’ conference will include pre conference sessions on Pediatric Simulation and Pediatric Pain Management. The main conference schedule is in development.  Go to www.oregonemsc.org for registration information.

2009 - Rural Aspects of EMS - The Timberline Conference
(The ONLY conference that has live music!)
Thursday, May 7, 2009 through Saturday, May 9, 2009.
For a draft schedule, costs, etc.: www.EastClackamasCountyEMS.Org
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