

King County Emergency Medical Services

Medic One/EMS 2008-2013 Strategic Plan

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Introduction

This newsletter is designed to update the EMS Advisory Committee, and all other interested parties, on the progress of the Medic One/EMS 2008-2013 Strategic Plan. If you have questions, please contact me at (206) 263-8560.

Helen Chatalas, Editor

EMS Advisory Committee

The **EMS Advisory Committee** is scheduled to meet on June 16, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-112. An agenda will be distributed to committee members two weeks prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact **Michele Plorde** at (206) 263-8603.

Regional Purchasing Program

The **Regional Purchasing Committee** is scheduled to meet on May 26, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Renton Fire Department, Station #14 (1900 Lind Ave. S.W., Renton) to coincide with the annual Vendor Fair. An agenda will be distributed to committee members two weeks prior to the meeting.

Vendor Fair: Life Assist, Inc. is sponsoring the annual EMS Vendor Fair on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Renton Fire & Emergency Services, Station #14 (1900 Lind Ave. S.W., Renton). EMS manufacturer representatives will be available to demonstrate the latest in EMS supplies and equipment and answer questions. Please send RSVPs to Anne-Marie Fote by fax 800-290-9794, email anne.fote@verizon.net, and phone 425-398-1236 (office).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact **Michele Plorde** at (206) 263-8603.

EMS Online

The EMS Online development team is excited to report that major upgrades have been made to the training program (to be released in 2011 after testing). Users will have a better video experience due to the ability to view in "full-screen" mode from our "streaming server", which provides instant response and the ability to move around the video.

New blog features for "Ask the Doc" and "Case of the Month" have been built, and the new content management system is being created to give training officers better tracking/reporting capabilities. A new exam system is being configured to provide ease of maintenance for us and better metrics to both our EMT users and training officers.

EMS Online.net currently provides Web-based training to 4400 EMTs within Seattle/King County as well as numerous agencies outside of King County. Our large user base of 11,500 EMTs will allow us to operate a self-sustained training program that can be updated each year to ensure that EMTs maintain a high level of proficiency and are the best that they can be out in the field.

If you have an interest in participating in a beta test team to be assembled soon, please contact **Tracey White** at (206) 427-7913.

Other News & Announcements

EMS Levy Audit Response

EMS Stakeholders have convened many times over the past six months to develop policies in response to the King County Auditor's 2009 recommendation to make EMS system costs more transparent. The EMS Division will update the King

County Auditor's office on progress made on such policies later this month; details to follow in the next newsletter.

For more information, please contact **Helen Chatalas** at (206) 263-8560

Police AED Program

To help improve cardiac arrest survival in King County, the Bellevue and Kent Police Departments are participating in a two-year initiative to equip patrol vehicles with automated external defibrillators (AEDs), and dispatch them to cardiac arrest calls along with emergency medical responders. Police first to arrive on the scene of a cardiac arrest will start resuscitation and deliver the first defibrillatory shocks until emergency medical responders arrive.

Led by the King County EMS Division and supported by the Washington State Life Sciences Discovery Fund, this initiative is designed to determine whether having an additional responder to start resuscitation on people quicker will improve community cardiac arrest survival rates. Since shortening the time to receiving the first defibrillation is critical to improving chances for survival, including nearby police in the emergency response chain is a promising approach.

Bellevue Police initiated its program in February with 44 equipped patrol vehicles, while Kent Police started its program in early April with 55 patrol vehicles. Officers participating in the program receive training in how to use the equipment. Philips Healthcare is providing all the AEDs.

Bellevue Police made its first save just a few days into the program, with the patient expected to make an excellent recovery.

For more information, please contact **Ann Doll** at (206) 263-8659.