



MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

2020-2025 LEVY REAUTHORIZATION

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NEWSLETTER**

Our Medic One/EMS system of Seattle and King County

The Medic One/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system serving Seattle and King County is known worldwide for its excellent medical results. By simply dialing 9-1-1, all residents have immediate access to the best possible medical care, regardless of location, circumstances, or time of day. For over 45 years, our commitment to science, innovation, and partnerships has brought about advances in medicine, training and delivery, resulting in thousands of lives saved, and an EMS program that is second-to-none.

Upcoming Meetings

March, 2018

BLS Subcommittee

March 8, 2018 1:00–3:00
Renton Fire Station 14
1900 Lind Ave SW in Renton

ALS Subcommittee

March 15, 2018 1:30–3:30
2100 Building, Community Room B
2100 24th Ave S, Seattle

Regional Services

March 20, 2018 1:00–3:00
Renton Highlands Library
2801 NE 10th Street, Renton

The King County EMS Division is managing all aspects of the project. Meeting schedules and materials, as well as other Medic One/EMS information can be found on its webpage:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/health/ems>

- ◆ Our regional Medical One/EMS system is primarily funded by a county-wide, voter-approved EMS levy (per RCW 84.52.069) which will expire on December 31, 2019.
- ◆ To ensure continued emergency medical services in 2020 and beyond, the region is undertaking an extensive planning process to collaboratively develop a Strategic Plan and financing plan (levy) for King County voters to renew in 2019.
- ◆ This all-inclusive process brings together leaders, decision-makers and Stakeholders from throughout the region to assess the needs of the system, and develop program and funding recommendations to direct the system into the future.
- ◆ Overseeing the development and vetting of the recommendations is the *EMS Advisory Task Force*, a 20-member body consisting of elected officials and fire districts.
- ◆ The bulk of the program and cost analyses will be conducted in four subcommittees that meet monthly to develop the recommendations that will become the basis for the next Strategic Plan and levy.
- ◆ To guarantee adequate time for study, discussion and agreement, the process will take approximately 10 months, from start to finish.

THE EMS ADVISORY TASK FORCE AND ITS SUBCOMMITTEES

The *EMS Advisory Task Force* convened on January 18, 2018, officially "kicking off" the start of the 2020-2025 Medic One/EMS levy planning process. The meeting introduced *Task Force* members not just to the key components that contribute to the Medic One/EMS system's success, but also to nearly 50 EMS partners whose commitment to excellence make it possible for the system to excel.

Over the month of February 2018, each of the four subcommittee met to review their charges and delve into policy issues that will shape the next EMS levy. After reviewing basic principles that will help guide decision-making throughout the process, participants identified issues across the system to consider during levy planning.



One of the themes that has emerged is the desire for a stronger regional approach. Areas that would benefit from this include workforce planning related to anticipated retirements, more standardized mental wellness programs, increased quality improvement opportunities, and additional performance measures that are greater aligned with improved use of data for decision making.

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS)

Chair: Keith Scully, Shoreline City Councilmember

On the Subcommittee's work plan are the topics of identifying current, future, and new service needs, potential challenges, and the number of medic units needed; establishing the cost of each unit; developing the financial plan and refining costs; and incorporating strategies to deliver cost efficiencies and system effectiveness.

REGIONAL SERVICES

Chair: Tom Agnew, Bothell City Councilmember

Topics to be addressed by this Subcommittee include assessing the types of programs and strategies needed to meet current, future, and emergent needs; reviewing pilots from the current levy span; and identifying future pilots (strategic initiatives), cost efficiencies and system effectiveness opportunities.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS)

Chair: Denis Law, Mayor of Renton

This Subcommittee will focus on total BLS funding and how it's allocated among BLS agencies; improving system effectiveness with strategies to manage EMS patients' varying and complex needs; and identifying cost efficiencies.

FINANCE

Chair: John Marchione, Mayor of Redmond

The Finance Subcommittee will assess the programmatic recommendations developed by the other subcommittees and provide financial advice, viewing the proposals as a whole package, rather than independent program areas. In addition, the Subcommittee will review economic forecasts, determine indices for inflating costs, and develop financial policies.

Developing the next Strategic Plan and levy package is truly a regional effort, and its success relies heavily on input from our many partners. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions about the levy planning process, please contact Helen Chatalas at (206) 263-8560 or helen.chatalas@kingcounty.gov.