



SKAMANIA EMS & RESCUE

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Summer Weather: What To Know Before You Go

Avoid heat related illness and injury

In the Columbia River Gorge, summer weather is upon us and so is the increased risk of heat related illness and accidental injury. You can take several steps to ensure you are prepared for these situations by following these simple rules:

1. Stock your vehicle with a few extra bottles of water, sunscreen and a first aid kit.
2. Wear light, breathable clothing to help your body stay cooler.
3. Use sunscreen with a high SPF, and use it frequently when swimming or sweating.
4. Seek shade whenever possible.
5. Wear a hat, which can help protect your face and shoulders from the sun.

Skamania EMS & Rescue Find Us Out & About

Where might you see us?

Where might you find Skamania EMS & Rescue responders when they aren't on the scene of an emergency? Lot's of places!

You may spot us while we are performing monthly checks on Community AEDs, or you may find us at a local community event such as National Night Out or the Skamania County Fair & Timber Carnival.

While being prepared for and answering the need for emergency response is our priority, we like to engage our community when the opportunity presents.

If you see us say "Hi!" We enjoy getting to know our community members, sharing information about our services, and look forward to visiting with you.

Need First Aid/CPR training? Visit www.skamaniaems.com for schedules and registration



Looking Ahead

Thank you to our community

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the voters for supporting the renewal of our six-year EMS levy at a rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Your continued trust and support ensure that we can maintain and enhance the vital emergency medical services our community depends on.

Levy funds will play a crucial role in sustaining our operations over the next six years. This includes strengthening staffing levels to ensure timely response to emergencies, upgrading and maintaining life-saving equipment, and supporting the ongoing training and development of our dedicated EMS providers. In addition, the levy allows us to maintain and improve our vehicle fleet to ensure safe and reliable transport in emergencies.

Thanks to your support, we are better equipped to serve you and your loved ones—today and into the future. We are proud to stand ready to respond, and we deeply appreciate your commitment to public safety in our community.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT Emergency Medical Care and Services Property Tax Levy Continuation		
Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes	2,568	77.66%
No	738	22.34%
Total Votes	3,304	100%

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Vehicle Extrication Skill Building

In May, providers had the opportunity to learn and improve upon their vehicle and machinery extrication skills through a shift-training with FF Bill Dunlap from Clark County Fire District No. 6. With over thirty-years of service as a firefighter, Dunlap has seen and responded to many critical extrication incidents; through his knowledge sharing our providers practiced scene size up and honed their skills to extricate patients for quick transport to emergency care.

Tactical Casualty Care

In April, providers with Skamania EMS & Rescue participated in a Tactical Casualty Care course, designed to teach and improve skills related to response during traumatic, high-threat emergencies.

This class was provided in a hybrid-format, requiring providers to complete twenty-three hours of online education followed by two-days of in person, scenario and skills based training.

With the help of volunteers playing the role of “victim” providers were able to exercise the response concepts and learned how to provide care in potentially dangerous conditions with limited resources.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Dr. Michael Shertz, MD and his team from Crisis Medicine for this engaging and educational opportunity.