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In the Columbia River Gorge, winter weather is the norm; beginning as early as November and often times hanging on through early March. Consider these tips to make sure you are prepared for winter weather driving:

1. Stock your vehicle with tire chains, a shovel, ice scraper, flares or warning devices and a flashlight.
2. Keep a blanket, bottled water and snacks in your car in case you get stuck in a road closure or snow.
3. Consider keeping a charging bank for your cell phone in the glove box.
4. Always keep a full tank of gas in your car.

Skamania EMS & Rescue Adopts Strategic Plan

Preparing for a healthy, strong future

Skamania EMS & Rescue has adopted a new strategic plan aimed at maintaining and improving emergency medical services in our communities. The plan focuses on our goals of improved response times through resource placement across Skamania County, preserving a healthy financial and operating position through renewal of our six-year EMS levy, and preparing for future leadership changes through mentoring, training and staff development plans.

Read the full Strategic Plan for 2025-2027, including our plan development process at www.skamaniaems.com



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Training

Reinforcing skills, gaining knowledge

Training to maintain agency and provider certification, advancing technical rescue and medical skills is required for our providers.

Staff spent numerous important hours throughout 2024 in on-going training and evaluation programs, practicing in mock scenarios using various equipment and when renewing Advanced Cardiac Life Support credentials.

This training is essential to our providers as they continue to build upon their current skills while enhancing teamwork and building adaptability into our emergency medical and rescue response services.

Agency wide training and shift-training methods are used to carry out this training; which means community members may see us “training in action” throughout the year.



LOOKING BACK AT 2024

A year of milestones and progress

One of our most notable achievements in 2024 was placing the new Rescue 7-1 in service. Through careful planning and considerate purchasing our agency was able to take delivery of this vehicle as a replacement of our twenty-five year old 1995 Ford F350. We further took delivery of a new International ambulance which we moved into service in December, replacing our aging 2014 ambulance. Both purchases were part of our apparatus replacement plan initially adopted in 2018.

Skamania EMS & Rescue participated in teaching 50+ first aid/CPR courses to our fellow responders, business entities and community members, offering classes at our station in Stevenson as well as in Underwood and Washougal through cooperation with local fire districts.

While awaiting the call to respond, crews spent countless hours addressing the non-emergency duties our service requires to operate smoothly. Whether it was facility maintenance, inventory checks, apparatus inspections, on-going training or community outreach, crews were busy day and night.

2024 Statistics

1,403	calls for service
2,965	scheduled hours per year/per employee
3,420	total hours of training completed by all providers
24/7/365	Skamania EMS & Rescue is on call to serve you

*Training hours estimated based on scheduled provider training