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.

**2009 Oregon EMS for Children Conference**


EMT continuing education credits offered - Eight hours of CE for the main conference and 2.5 hours for the pre-conference are available. The hours awarded are subject to applicable Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) based upon certification level. For a complete schedule of all courses, go to [www.oregonemsc.org](http://www.oregonemsc.org).

Some of the pediatric sessions that will be count towards recertification include:

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**Keynote Speaker**
Joe Wright, M.D., M.P.H., will give this year's keynote address. Dr. Wright is the national medical director for EMS for Children and senior vice president at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He also heads the Child Health Advocacy Institute.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** An **EMS Leadership Symposium** featuring **Unlocking Your Leadership Potential** and **Movie-ing You to Greatness** facilitated by Larry Boxman, vice president of operations for Metro West; Jan Lee, training manager for Metro West; and Ryan Smith, communications manager for Metro West.

The symposium will also hold a session on **EMS (Leader or Officer's) Tool Box: Equipping EMS Leaders for Tomorrow's Challenges**, facilitated by Mark Stevens, EMS chief, Tualitin Valley Fire & Rescue, and Will Bauscher, EMS chief, Corvallis Fire Department. Dr. Ritu Sahni, state medical director, will also speak on the role of the EMS medical director. This leadership track is being sponsored by the Oregon Office of Rural Health. It is intended for EMS directors, coordinators and leaders. This track is limited to 20 participants.

Conference details and online registration are available at [www.oregonemsc.org](http://www.oregonemsc.org).

**Nominations for EMS awards**

Please take a few minutes to recognize someone who makes EMS special in Oregon.
BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

During the recertification process this year, criminal history checks through the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) will be performed. LEDS checks will be performed on **ALL** certificate holders who are recertifying. We are asking agencies and individual certificate holders to spread the word that background checks will be performed this year. If certificate holder has a criminal history and hasn’t been in contact with the division it may cause a delay in them becoming re-certified. It is for this reason we are trying to raise awareness as to avoid any serious delays or lapses in certification. Agencies or certificate holders are encouraged to call the Prehospital Standards Unit if they have questions.

Also remember this provision in ORS 682.220:

(4) Any health care facility licensed under ORS 441.015 to 441.087 and 441.820, any medical or osteopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, any owner of an ambulance licensed under this chapter or any EMT certified under this chapter shall report to the department any information the person may have that appears to show that an EMT is or may be medically incompetent, guilty of unprofessional or dishonorable conduct or mentally or physically unable to safely function as an EMT.

EMS data update

The State EMS Office is continuing its data pilot project using the prehospital data that we collected for May 2008.

The EMS/TS is preparing a prehospital data summary for each county and the state. This information will raise awareness of the quantity and type of EMS calls occurring in Oregon. We will also make this material available on our Web site and distribute it to the Legislature and counties. Additionally, each participating EMS agency will receive a report on the data they provided.
FIRST RESPONDER CERTIFICATION

The EMS/TS Program has issued 923 certifications to first responders. If you have questions about first responder certification, please call our office at 971-673-0520.

EMS Program activity

DECEMBER 2008 EMT STATISTICS

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During November, Oregon Law Enforcement Data Systems background checks were conducted on 88 new applicants, and 38 national background reviews were completed. Five new investigations were opened. One stipulated order of suspension was signed; one applicant withdrew in lieu of denial. Two notices of denial were issued and one notice of revocation was issued.

T.E.A.M. Updated
The trauma program has been busy updating the Trauma Emergency Assessment and Management Curriculum for Nurses. This has been perhaps the most enjoyable project of the year. Ten nurses from across Oregon revised the trauma chapters and skills stations. A grant from
Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation provided funding for the editorial expertise of Jeff Solheim and Aaron Wolff. Lebanon Community Hospital piloted the course on December 5 and 6, 2008. Results of this pilot course will be used to finalize the updated program. The course materials will be available to course coordinators by March 1, 2009. For further information e-mail Susan Werner (susan.m.werner@state.or.us) or Susan Harding (susan.m.harding@state.or.us).

+ Upcoming Events +

Area Trauma Advisory Board 7 is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at St. Charles Medical Center, Classroom B, 2500 N.E. Neff Road, Bend.

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. go to www.EastClackamasCountyEMS.Org.
Gary McLean, Vice Chair - ECCEMS
Sandy Fire District No. 72.

The Spring 2009 Oregon EMS Supervising Physicians Forum, which is open to Oregon EMS medical directors and EMS administrators, will take place on the morning of Friday, May 29, in Portland. The afternoon session will be the Oregon ACC STEMI Summit. This multidisciplinary meeting will include networking and strategy development for improving STEMI outcomes. Discussion will include both urban and rural issues. Please contact Ritu Sahni, M.D., M.P.H., for more information.

Supervising Physicians/Medical Directors Forum
The spring Supervising Physician/Medical Directors Forum will be paired with the Oregon Chapter of American College of Cardiology’s STEMI Summit!

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