



Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council Newsletter April 2022

Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training

Limited spaces available

WRHSAC is offering two sessions of the Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training. The main focus of the training is to support medics embedded in the region's Special Response Teams.

There are a limited number of seats available for other EMS/Medical personnel.

One session will be on Monday & Tuesday, May 23 & 24 in Turners Fall. The other session will be on Thursday & Friday, June 9 & 10 in Southwick.

Registration is first come, first served. The training is free.



[Click here to learn more and register](#)

Vehicle Stabilization and Lift Training

Limited Spaces Available

We've had several cancelations, so registration is again open for this training.

Many fire departments may not be prepared to respond to the challenges presented by large commercial vehicle accidents, such as a tractor trailer or tanker rollover. The amount of equipment and personnel necessary to handle these types of accidents could easily overwhelm a department.

Stabilizing, lifting and capturing are three vital components associated with a successful rescue operation when dealing with a confirmed vehicle pin. Remove any one of these, and the results could be disastrous for the victim and rescuers.

Vehicle Stabilization and Lift Training for First Responders will help participants to understand the risks inherent in a vehicle rollover and pinning, and provide the skills to be able to lay out a plan of response and implement it.

This two-day training is being held in Northampton on Tuesday & Wednesday,
April 19 & 20.

The training is free. Registration is required.

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

Regional COVID Response After Action Review

WRHSAC is conducting an After Action Review of the region's COVID-19 response. A consultant has been hired. Information will be gathered via survey, one-on-one interviews, at standing meetings and through focus groups.

If you are contacted by [Day Health Strategies](#) on behalf of WRHSAC, we sincerely appreciate your participation in helping us to capture a broad and deep view of the region's response to COVID-19.

An After Action Review Conference will be held in late fall 2022 to present the findings. WRHSAC will utilize the outcome and recommendations to help direct funding over the next several years.

Notice of Shift in Funding Priorities

Most of you have attended a WRHSAC sponsored training, event or exercise in the past. For day long events, WRHSAC has provided food.

FEMA/DHS has directed EOPSS and all the Homeland Security Councils to strictly adhere to grant guidance regarding the use of funds on food. Due to this you will notice food will no longer be provided at *most* WRHSAC trainings. Food may be provided when certain criteria are met.

WRHSAC will continue to offer high quality, specialized trainings and events. The Council is dedicated to building environments conducive to learning, which foster relationships, and build first responder capability and capacity to meet preparedness, response and recovery needs of the region.

We look forward to seeing you at WRHSAC sponsored events!

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