

YACOLT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT / NCEMS HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. YACOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Fair will sprawl around the Yacolt Primary School and will include information, demonstrations and activities for the entire family. Family BBQ and ice cream will be provided by the Town of Yacolt. Make your own address signs, which we will install for you for free! Call 360-686-3271 for more information.

- Life Flight air ambulance tours
- Kids' scavenger hunt
- Ambulance & fire engine tours
- Wheel of Misfortune (photo opportunities, parents!)
- Vehicle extrication demonstration
- 20' Inflatable Slide
- Volcano Rescue Team display
- Car seat inspections
- Dunk Tank
- Adult blood pressure & blood glucose checks
- Just-in Time CPR training
- Kids' temporary tattoos or face-painting

North Country Emergency Medical Service

Proudly Serving:

Amboy
Ariel
Cedar Creek
Chelatchie
Cougar
Dole Valley
Etna
Fargher Lake
Heisson
Highland
North Woods
Pine Creek
Sunset Falls
View
Yacolt
Yale

CPR SAVES LIVES – SIGN UP FOR A CLASS TODAY!



AHA CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES

NCEMS now offers two methods to complete your desired AHA CPR and or First Aid certifications. You can complete the classroom portion online in your own home at your convenience and then complete the hands on portion with our instructors at NCEMS, or you can come in for a traditional in person course. With the popularity of the online option we no longer have a set schedule for courses, we can offer them as you need and our schedule allows. Call us today at 360-686-3271 for more information or to schedule your course.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Join us for the 41st Annual Father's Day Breakfast hosted by North Country EMS, Yacolt Volunteer Fire Association and the Volcano Rescue Team.

The breakfast will be held **Sunday, June 16th** at Yacolt Primary School from 8 to 11 a.m.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, ham and all-you-can-eat pancakes, along with coffee, juice and a chance to visit with folks from the area and beyond. Cost for breakfast is \$5.00 per person with price breaks for families.

**RAFFLE BASKETS FOR EVERYONE!
KIDS' RAFFLE TOO!**



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2019 Newsletter

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Message From the Chief

Shaun Ford

I hope everyone's 2019 has gotten off to a wonderful start and that this letter finds you and your family happy and healthy.

This is another important year for the funding of NCEMS, as our regular 10-year levy renewal election occurs this year. This levy serves as the primary funding source and mechanism which allows NCEMS to exist. NCEMS funds its operational costs via three methods; 1) regular levy, 2) excess levy and 3) insurance payments.

Our regular levy has a maximum rate of \$0.50 per \$1000 of a property's value, and due to the WA 1% law the actual levy rate decreases every year as property values increase. In 2019 the levy rate for rural Clark County and the Town of Yacolt was \$0.37 and the rate for rural Cowlitz County was \$0.42.

In 2017 the residents of NCEMS, with a combined 81% approval rate, renewed the 2014 excess levy. This excess levy is a full one-third of our operating budget, and will supplement our budget for 4 years before another excess levy is required in 2021. Excess levies are collected in one year and dispersed over multiple years.

Insurance billings represent the third portion of our funding, and unfortunately due to a decrease in commercial insurance reimbursement rates and more patients being insured by Medicare our insurance collections are decreasing. In 2008 our average fee collected per transport was \$742 in 2017 it was \$617.15, a 17% decrease.

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What would it mean if NCEMS no longer existed?

A contract would need to be negotiated with AMR Clark County for the Clark County/Yacolt residents and AMR Cowlitz from Longview for our Cowlitz County residents. This would mean extended response times for ambulance service likely with an average time of almost one hour.

NCEMS's current average response time in Clark County is 9.65 minutes, in Yacolt it is 4.2 minutes and in Cowlitz County it is 21.4 minutes.

What service level are you getting with your tax dollars?

Advanced life support ambulance service from two stations 24/7 staffed with one Paramedic and one EMT who are equipped with some of the most advanced equipment available. At NCEMS we take the responsibility and trust you place in us with your hard earned tax dollars and lives of your family very seriously. We recognize that the residents of NCEMS are paying for a premium service and we work hard every day to ensure we exceed your expectations.

Finally, if you have time, please come by one of our stations to meet our crews. Our crews are what make NCEMS possible and these women and men are some of the best you will find.

Chief Ford email: s.ford@northcountryems.org

Calls 2014-2018

