



Fiscal Year 2018 Quarterly Activity Report

Western RETAC

Quarter 3

January, February, March

Current Issues
1. Work with regional training centers to help coordinate and or participate in at least 4 EMTS Training Seminars.
2. Bring Leadership training in to train and follow up with the current WRETAC board.
3. Bring distance learning to the WRETAC via online education with several different education facilities and Training Centers.
4. Maintain and improve current website. Continue learning how to post information and making the site interactive with other training programs.
5. Purchase and maintain equipment for video conferencing for our WRETAC board meetings
6. The WRETAC will have a regular presence at all RETAC forums and at all SEMTAC forums.
7. Support Injury Prevention programs such as, Stop the Bleed, Stepping-Up, and Tai Chi. Also participate in other public education involving injury prevention outreach to our communities.
8. Support a project that will help link and track locations of available AEDs that can be obtained by dispatch and/or a smart phone in an emergency.
RETAC Activity/Accomplishments
Describe activity within the region during the reporting period. Include progress toward biennial plan goals and local/regional projects. Please list any partners on specific projects or accomplishments.

Current Issues and Progress on WRETAC Goals

The WRETAC Board Met on February 6th, 2018. We had a change in representation from Montrose County, one member from Gunnison County and another from Hinsdale County.

Goal 1 – Concerning participation in at least 4 EMTS Training Seminars, no seminars took place within the WRETAC in the 3rd quarter. This quarter a planning effort for the 10th annual Western Colorado Trauma Conference has taken place and the conference advertised on our Web site and flyers are distributed. It will be May 3rd and 4th. Meanwhile the coordinator participated on the State Education Task force giving input to policies affecting Training Group and Training Center operation. Additional input was given on the planning of the upcoming Leadership Conference in our neighboring RETAC that will take place in Grand Junction. We hope many of our EMS and Trauma leaders and medical directors will benefit from this nearby and unique educational seminar.

Goal 2 – Regarding Leadership training, in addition to participation in putting on the Leadership Conference in Grand Junction, Danny has met with Sean Caffrey and NEMSO educator Aaron Reinhart to explore a Leadership Academy for Colorado possibly with EMSAC support. More on this to come.

Goal 3 – Distance Learning; agencies in the WRETAC have made good use of Zoom as a means of attending meetings and training classes. DCAD has been using this platform for uniting students at different venues in their Critical Care Education classes.

Goal 4 – The Website received some additional updating. In addition to cosmetic upgrades and the addition of a members – access section, we have linked in the EMSAC event calendar and advertised training and meeting announcements

Goal 5 - Purchase of Video Equipment may not be necessary. No progress.

Goal 6 – The WRETAC President, Reg Vickers accompanied Danny Barela, WRETAC Coordinator, at the RETAC Forum in Gateway, Colorado. Some helpful networking took place as well as continued participation in the Trauma Chapter 4 revision meeting. Danny has also continued to participate in the Chapter 2 revision meetings by phone, and as stated above, the Education Sub Committee. He has also represented the WRETAC at SEMTAC and SEMTAC committee meetings in both January and April.

Goal 7 –Delta Hospital continues the teaching of Step-Up and Tai-Chi programs for fall prevention. The Stop-The-Bleed Campaign is a WRETAC priority, and meetings with the Western Slope Trauma Collaborative have outlined a plan to train instructors from our member EMS Agencies and Health Facilities and to deliver education and supplies throughout the region for effective injury mitigation, public education, and mass casualty preparedness. A grant was prepared for public access Stop the Bleed kits we hope to build at a low cost with EMSAC contract pricing. Funds from the WRETAC were allocated to build wound molds and purchase some training supplies. Several simultaneous activities on pushing awareness of proper hemorrhage control continue to take place across the region.

Goal 8 – No RETAC activity this quarter concerning the tracking of AEDs; however, some communities have made good use of mobile phone apps to help visitors find and use AEDs. If the Stop-the-Bleed campaign continues as planned, they will also help citizens locate Bleeding Control kits.

Other WRETAC Activities.

For better accountability we passed a banking resolution and issued two debit cards tied to the WREMISC, Inc checking account.

Montrose Hospital continues good progress on equipping a Sim Lab for continuing education of EMS as well as in-hospital clinical staff.

WRETAC representatives met with Montrose County Officials for dialogue on improving county participation in the WRETAC and to encourage continued progress with the County EMS council.

WRETAC and Western Colorado EMS Leadership Council leaders met to plan for improvement of the RMD program and its role in development of a regional QA/CQI plan. Our next RMD meeting is April 27th.

An EMTS grant writing workshop in January and grant reviews in March were hosted by the WRETAC in Montrose.

The WRETAC is working on by-law revision designed to help make us more efficient and effective.

Our accounting firm, ASAP has updated their on-line services to include installing Quick-Books On-line (QBO).

While the State is looking at updating Trauma destination policies, the WRETAC is redrafting a lost document – The WRETAC Trauma Triage Algorithm.

Ouray County is working on Active Shooter exercise to take place in November that involves many agencies and several months of table top exercises and preparatory activities.

Regional/Local Funding Overview *During this three-month period only last year's payments were processed for local funding. The Funding application was updated for FY2018. As we reported last quarter, the WRETAC remains committed to an equitable Regional funding program. We hope to see the process improved with better accountability in the next funding cycle. County funding requests will be vetted at the next regular meeting which is May 1st.*