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**Fire District 7 Participates in World Class Resuscitation Academy:
Aims to Track and Improve Cardiac Arrest Survival Rates**

Clearview, Wash. – Only 40 communities throughout the United States meticulously track cardiac arrest survival rates. Snohomish County Fire District 7 is in the process of adding their community to that list thanks to a world class Resuscitation Academy that three of their members recently attended.

Tracking the survival rates of individuals that suffer a cardiac arrest is crucial because it allows administrators to pinpoint how to improve their program. Attendees at the Resuscitation Academy learned how to define the cardiac arrest survival rate in their community and how to better report and track the data. The data will be used to develop a concrete plan of action to improve survival rates.

“My goal since I stepped into the role of program administrator last year was to bring our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program to the next level,” explained Scott Dorsey, Deputy Chief/Medical Services Administrator. “This academy allowed us to learn from leaders who have improved their cardiac arrest survival rates to be nearly the highest in the country. We will now be able to analyze our community’s resuscitation data to allow us to improve our services as well as educate our community.”

Electronic patient care reports (EPCR) will be an instrumental part of tracking and improving cardiac arrest survival rates. The EPCR program was implemented last year and has allowed Fire District 7 to improve many aspects of patient care because of the detailed data it provides. Previous methods of tracking patient data were inefficient and often times impossible.

EMS providers play a significant role in survival rates, but the Resuscitation Academy stressed another critical component of increasing survival rates: public cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). It is a scientifically proven fact that chances of survival from cardiac arrest significantly increase if CPR was initiated prior to the arrival of EMS providers. Fire District 7 urges citizens to become certified in CPR and stay up-to-date on their certification. Visit www.firedistrict7.com for more information about Fire District 7 and classes they offer.