



King County enjoys a world renowned MEDIC ONE/EMS system that is based on a regional tiered system. This ensures that no matter where you are in King County - whether at work, play, at home, or traveling between locations - medical triage and delivery is consistent and you receive the same high quality medical care anywhere.

As an example, on the Interstate 405 corridor there are over 100,000 vehicles a day carrying people to all parts of the county. Whether commuting to their jobs outside of the communities they live in to traveling to rural areas for recreation, the tax dollars they pay into the Medic One/EMS system follow them throughout the county.

The county taxpayer receives the highest quality of care because of the unique configuration of our system. We have a distinct system design which has taken over 30 years of collaboration and partnerships to build that contribute to our incredible outcomes and success. These include:

- Tiered system (ensures the calls receive medical care by the most appropriate care provider). This starts when the 911 centers properly triage the calls and send the appropriate resource(s).
- Founded on medicine (MEDICINE MATTERS MOST – everything they do is based on the highest standards of training/care and scientific evidence).
- Relies upon coordinated partnerships to provide services on a regional basis. Regardless of location/incident circumstance/day of the week/ time of day, high quality and consistent medical care is available within minutes.
- Focused on continual improvement and innovation to save more lives, while encouraging system effectiveness and cost efficiencies.

The process for development of the Medic One/Emergency Medical Services 2014-2019 Strategic Plan was open and transparent. The region undertook a comprehensive levy planning process to develop the Strategic Plan and levy rate for the next Medic One/EMS levy. It was a nine month process where the Advisory Task Force and region-wide EMS Stakeholders worked collaboratively to assess the needs of the system and develop recommendations to direct the system into the future. These recommendations were endorsed by the Task Force on July 26, 2012 and then transmitted to the Council as the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan.

On March 31, 2013, the Renton City Council adopted Resolution 4175 approving the placement of *THE COUNTYWIDE 2014-2019 MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) LEVY ON THE 2013 BALLOT*, and supporting the proposed six-year \$.335 per \$1,000 of assessed value countywide Medic One/EMS Levy for the years 2014-2019 and urges the voters to vote in favor of the Levy.

The Council understands how this levy benefits the citizens of the City of Renton to support and participate in the countywide cooperative effort of delivering advanced life support and basic life support services. Also, King County should continue to exercise leadership and assume responsibility for assuring the consistent, standardized, effective and cost efficient emergency medical services throughout the county.

I urge the Regional Policy Committee to adopt proposed ordinance No. 2013-0016 approving the draft strategic plan proposed by the Task Force without amendment.

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