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Center of Excellence December 2017 News

2016-17 WORK PLAN ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS FOCUS AREAS OF INDUSTRY SECTOR STRATEGY, EDUCATION, INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & SUPPLY AND DEMAND

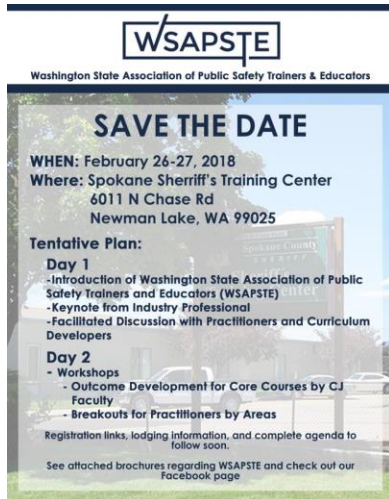


Holiday Open House

Friday, December 8, the Center staff hosted their Annual Holiday Open House. Board Members, Pierce College staff and faculty and Center partner organizations attended. There was lots of good soups, sandwiches, and other holiday treats along with an hourly drawing for door prizes will be part of the festivities. This year's Holiday theme for the Open House is **Soups for the Winter Soul**. This is our way of thanking all of our staff, volunteers, Board Members and partners for all of their great work and support over the year.

News Bulletin - December 28, 2017 WSAPSTE Conference

One of the primary objectives of community and technical colleges (CTC) is to provide training and education required for students to succeed in the workplace. CTC colleges and their faculty and staff need to be prepared to provide their students with the high quality multipurpose curriculum they will need to secure 21st Century jobs in this career field. The Center supported the establishment of the Association of Public Safety Trainers and Educators and pleased to announce the 2018 Association (WSAPSTE) Conference, February 26-27, at the Spokane Sherriff's Training Center in Newman Lake, WA.



WSAPASTE was founded in 2017 to provide opportunities for practitioners and educators in the field to come together to collaborate and learn exchange ideas with the goals of increasing public safety through best practices. Public Safety and Security practitioners and faculty will learn about the demands and changes that are occurring in today's public safety organizations and assess the impact on current training and education programs.

The Criminal Justice Program Working Group meet during the second day of the conference to refine its 2017 work on identifying core curriculum recommendations and begin implementation planning which improve CJ program curriculum and delivery statewide in all twenty (20) programs. For more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/WSAPSTE/>

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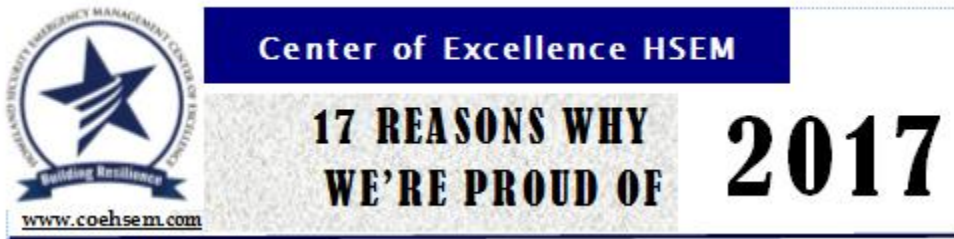
Establishing Apprenticeships in the All Hazard Emergency Management Field



For the past year the Center has been working with the State Board, RAISE Grant Team Members, Pierce College, State Labor and Industries, and Labor Council staff to identify apprenticeship opportunities in the all hazard emergency management career field. A series of meetings were held during the year with Belfor a national mitigation company headquartered in Seattle, State Corrections Programs and the Insurance Industries.

On December 18, 2017, Peter Guzman, Policy Associate Workforce Education, announced that the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Washington (IIABW) agreed to pursue a registered apprenticeship program. Daniel Holst, Executive Vice President of the Association said, “We are very excited about creating this apprenticeship. This registered apprenticeship meets our future business model in fulfilling our workforce needs.” Danny Marshal, Workforce Education Administer, praised the work done by the Center to organize the efforts to kick this off. The IIABW will be submitting a proposal for approval at the spring meeting of the Washington State Apprenticeship & Training Council. Rachel McAloon from Labor and Industries will be guiding the Insurance Industry along with Ron May, Dean at Pierce College through the steps necessary to receive the WA State Apprenticeship Council’s approval. Pierce College expects to incorporate this apprenticeship program in its Homeland Security Emergency Management Program.

The Center and with the IIABW is supporting the Apprenticeship and Employers Forum which is being held on February 13, at South Seattle College’s Georgetown Campus. Employers including the IIABW will share their views on how the Washington State Apprenticeship system can be of the most use to employers. Tools and a training program will be developed for those assisting employers including videos.



Center produced and distributed its annual report about our 2017 accomplishments and activities in a new two page format. The report is being distributed to the Centers stakeholders, Board Members and posted on our website. Early response from readers is very positive with congratulations on the work of the Center has been doing for the community college and state employers. Report is available on our website www.coehsem.com under “Our Services” reports section.

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Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack

On December 28, King County Emergency Management staff meet with the Center Director and members of the Center's Institute Senior Fellow and sked to assist King County Emergency Management in the implementation of the Department of Homeland Security grant to prepare for, prevent and respond to, a complex coordinated terrorist attacked through a multi-discipline and multi-jurisdictional integrated planning, training and public outreach and response program. Center staff and volunteers will be meeting with the County to further discuss objectives and map out project activities and timeline in January. This is an exciting opportunity for students in a variety of public safety, security, cybersecurity, technology and emergency management fields to participate and gain work experience.

The Center's Strategic Framework for 2018

The Center's Strategic Planning session with the Board and staff will be scheduled for late January. A draft Communications Plan has been completed for use by the Board and staff during the planning session. The session will have three goal areas:

1. Resources: Increase/diversify revenue sources to support the Center.
2. Program: Support the building of effective HSEM programs statewide.
3. Infrastructure: Create a consistent statewide COE HSEM brand and operations platform that communicates and markets our program services and resources using outreach and education activities that may utilize our website, social media, webinars, and other multi-media opportunities to highlight the career field, our employers, our state's programs and Center/state accomplishments.

2017-2018 COE Schedule of Events

January 2018	Center's Strategic Planning Session – date and location TBA
February 13	Apprenticeship and Employer Forum – South Seattle Georgetown Campus
February 26-27	CJ Program Managers/Directors Quarterly Meeting & CJ Assn. Conference, Spokane, WA