



Serving Washington County

WASHINGTON COUNTY

COORDINATOR

STORM SMITH

(503)681-6141

STORM.SMITH@HILLSBORO-OREGON.GOV

HILLSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT, 240 S. 1ST

HILLSBORO, OR 97213

WWW.SAFEKIDSOREGON.ORG/WASHINGTON-COUNTY/

2015 ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Safe Kids Washington County (SKWC) pressed forward on a large water safety campaign following the tragic drowning of four Hillsboro residents at Hagg Lake in late 2014 all the while continuing to maintain our high level of service on child passenger safety.

Water Safety

SKWC brought together water safety experts from parks and recreation departments/districts. They provided an outreach water safety program and scholarships for several families for swim lessons at apartment complexes serving target audiences. Hagg Lake rangers built additional life jacket loaner kiosks bringing the total to eleven holding nearly 180 personal floatation devices (PFDs). SKWC partnered with the International Order of the Blue Gavel (association of past yacht club commodores) along with other organizations and donors to collect new and serviceable PFDs to keep the kiosks stocked. SKWC joined with *I'm Hooked* to provide water safety information to the hundreds of kids who attended that group's annual free kids' fishing day in June.

Motor Vehicle Occupant Safety

The coalition is blessed to have a number of dedicated child passenger safety technicians who conducted 56 car seat clinics throughout the year. They checked 1,383 seats and distributed 117 car safety seats to eligible families at reduced cost. Over 1,469 parents and caregivers were reached.

Window Falls Prevention

SKWC now has several "Kids Can't Fly" window fall props for use by various members. The windows range in size from large to small for ease of use. SKWC partners with the "Stop at 4" Campaign to prevent children from falling through screens on 2nd and 3rd story residential windows.

Fire Safety

SKWC's year-round outreach for fire safety culminates each spring when we partner with Safe Kids Portland Metro for Safe Kids Day at the Oregon Zoo. On that day, numerous safety stations are included with SKWC focusing on teaching children to escape from a house fire using a mobile classroom that employs theatrical smoke. The kids love the activity and parents get a new look at what escape planning is all about.

Lead Agency

Hillsboro Fire Department

Partners

- American Red Cross
- Beaverton Police
- Cornelius Fire
- OHSU Doernbecher Children's
- Forest Grove Fire & Rescue
- Forest Grove Parks & Recreation
- Gaston Rural Fire District
- Hillsboro Fire
- Hillsboro Parks & Recreation
- Hillsboro Police
- Hillsboro School District
- Joint Water Commission
- Metro West Ambulance
- Oregon Marine Board
- Safe Kids Oregon
- Sherwood Police
- Tualatin Police
- Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation
- Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
- Tuality Health Education
- Walgreens
- Washington County Bicycle Transportation Coalition
- Washington County Sheriff's Office

Prevention Priorities

- Motor Vehicle Occupant Safety
- Bicycle & Wheeled Sports Safety
- Water Safety
- Fall Prevention
- Fire Safety