



Tacoma-Pierce County

ChemPREP: Community Preparedness Seminar

Thursday, March 19, 2026: 8:30am – 12:30pm

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
3629 S. D St., Tacoma, WA 98418

Hosted by Northwest Healthcare Response Network (and local partners)



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Be Prepared,
Not Surprised

Seminar Topic Areas

- Threat brief to familiarize the community with chemicals of concern.
- Indicators and warnings of a chemical attack for front line responders.
- Lessons learned from historical incidents and national preparedness initiatives.
- Priority preparedness actions to optimize your chemical defense system.
- Response community panel discussions on jurisdictional chemical threats and capabilities.

Target Audience

Operator and management level responders and care providers from a broad range of organizations including:

• Law Enforcement	• 911 Call Centers/PSAP	• Public Health Agencies
• Fire/Hazmat Responders	• Homeland Security Fusion Centers	• Public Information Officers
• Emergency Medical Services	• Private Safety and Security	• Local Emergency Management
• Medical Care Providers	• Poison Control Centers	• Local Government Officials
• Hospital Emergency Management		• Environmental Response Agencies

Participant Outcomes

1. Identify domestic chemical threats and vulnerabilities.
2. Describe expected challenges to an effective response to a chemical incident.
3. Discover ways to optimize jurisdictional preparedness.
4. Connect to FSLTT resources to enhance your community preparedness and response.
5. Transform the way participants view their role, their team's role, and their place in an interconnected system.



Process for Assessing and Optimizing Chemical Preparedness: DHS Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office (CWMD) partners with state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) stakeholders to enhance local preparedness for chemical incidents. ChemPREP considers each participating local jurisdiction's unique chemical threats and vulnerabilities, assesses their ability to respond, recommends actions to enhance their readiness, and seeks to connect them with other federal resources to improve coordination and overall preparedness.