

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Emergency Operations Center/ECC
February 20, 2013**

PRESENT: Margaret McPhee, Dr. Tom Fell, Rich Gleckler, Karen Rogers, Betsy Spath, John Ricks, Greg Wright, Kathleen Bostwick, John Christiansen

EXCUSED: Karen Valenzuela, Russ Hendrickson, Dave Ribacchi, Dr. Larry Fontanilla

GUESTS: Stephen Langer, Dale Putnam, Greg Pulver, Mel Low, Danielle King (SafeKids), Steve Brooks

STAFF: Steve Romines, Fay Flanery, Alan Provencher

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chairman McPhee called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 5:33 PM. Roll was recorded by staff.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** (Spath/Ricks) move to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business Item D, discussion of House Bill #1136.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Chair McPhee presented Stephen Langer, City of Olympia Councilmember with a plaque recognizing his participation in the EMS Council meeting over the past several years. Langer thanked the Council and added he has appreciated being part of the EMS Council team.
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. EMS COUNCIL – December 19, 2012 – **MSC** (Spath/Ricks) to approve.
 - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – January 3, 2013 & February 7, 2013 (Informational Only)
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Wright reported the Operations (Ops) committee had extensive discussion surrounding the Special Projects process with one change; all Special Rescue Operations Team (SORT) requests will be routed through District 9 as the SORT Team host department to maintain consistency. He added, the Ops committee wanted TRPC to know that the special project grants \$10,000 and \$5,000 (SORT) is part of the BLS funding package. Council requested Wright forward the information directly to TRPC. Wright provided Medic One policy review history and added that in the past Council requested all Ops approved policies come to EMS Council as a complete package for review and approval. After additional thought, Wright suggested if acceptable by Council, bring 2-3 policies forward at a time for review by EMS Council. At Councils' request, policies considered for review will be in the meeting packets prior to the meetings. In addition, Council requested the policies be "grouped" of like-kind for review if possible. Wright continued, Ops conducted nominations at the January meeting; Greg Wright will stay on as the Chair and Brian VanCamp as Vice-Chair. Lastly, Ops received a letter from an EMT student from the fall class that was read into the record praising Cindy Hambly and Anna Lee Drewry for an outstanding job done at the EMT class. A copy of this letter will be included in the March EMS Council packet.
 - B. WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL– Romines reported the West Region regional conference was held at the Great Wolf Lodge February 8-10, 2013. He added, the attendance was up from last year and the Great Wolf Lodge was a great facility with lots of amenities available for family members.
 - C. STAFF REPORT– Romines highlighted on staff report included in the packet
 - Janet Duncan Assistant Chief, District 12 (Tenino) passed away after a long bout with Leukemia and a memorial service was held last weekend. A plaque in her memory will be presented to her husband Chief Robin Duncan at the next meeting.
 - EMS Legislative updates.
 - The system study is still underway; Paul Brewster (TRPC) will bring an update to the March meeting.
 - Next Medic exam is scheduled for May 2013.
 - The fall EMT class was completed in December 2012, and the spring EMT class will start up in March at station 95.
 - 2012 Business Plan will be finalized next week after the completion of the cardiac arrest survival rate audit. In

- addition, system performance reports will be available at the same time.
- Romines reported he was asked to serve on a Roles & Responsibilities committee for the State EMS office. The State is looking at the State EMS system.
 - We are in the process of a protocol update which we do every two years. In the past, the protocols are updated, sent to the State printing office with an all inclusive cost of about \$23,000. This year we have approached a vendor to build a mobile protocol application that can be downloaded and accessed by Android and iPhones. The cost of this app build/maintenance annually is \$3,500. The benefit to an app is all updates are pushed out immediately.
 - EMS System Organization charts have been updated and handed out.
 - BLS funds allocation work is almost completed and funds are expected to be disbursed in May.

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Nominations Committee – McPhee asked Betsy Spath and Dave Ribacchi to sit on the nominations committee, both accepted and will report back at the March 20, 2013 meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. EMS Council Meeting Time Change – McPhee reported that several members of the Council and staff have requested that we move the EMS Council meeting time to 3:30. Council discussion followed with a **MSC** (Spath/Christiansen) move to approve the change of the EMS Council meeting time to 3:30 PM. Reminders of the time change will be sent out for the next several months.
- B. SafeKids Presentation – Danielle King from the SafeKids coalition council gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Thurston County SafeKids program and discussed projects that have been completed and are underway. Romines handed out the SafeKids 2013 task force and action plan which included a budget, grants reporting and an activity report which included: child passenger safety outreach plan, pedestrian safety plan; sports safety plan, fire safety plan and a water safety plan along with other activities of outreach work.
- C. 2013 Budget Review – held for the March meeting. Romines also passed out the Medic One Levy/Expense projection draft which he will also discuss at the March meeting along with the 2012 final Business Plan.
- D. House Bill #1136 – John Ricks requested Council discussions, if House Bill #1136 is passed, Medic One should request the levy lid lift to the .75 cent maximum capacity and guarantee the .25 cents increase be designated back to the Fire Departments for BLS costs. This would save each of the fire districts from individually running levy requests for the increased EMS capacity; this would make this a total EMS system for the County. Because it would really help support the BLS portion. Council discussion followed with Romines adding that an agreement would have to be developed to include a formula to allow for the fluctuations that occur based on valuations. He added that if we do it coordinated as a system, since Medic One would have to go out for the levy anyway, there would only be the one levy cost as opposed to each Fire district paying levy costs individually. The negative side is that it is .75 cents instead of .50 cents which is a 50% increase, we would definitely want to get out into the community and explain what we are doing and how the money is being spent. Staff will report on legislative progress of this issue for future discussion about Medic One levy implications.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – MSC Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.