

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

PRESENT: Margaret McPhee, Dr. Tom Fell, Karen Rogers, Frank Kirkbride, Russ Hendrickson, Ken Parsons, Kathleen Bostwick, John Carpenter, Dr. Larry Fontanilla, John Ricks, Karen Valenzuela, Greg Wright

EXCUSED: Dave Ribacchi

GUESTS: John Christiansen, Dale Putnam, Tony Kuzma, Mel Low, Steve Brooks, Terry Ware, Russ Kaleiwahea, Lenny Greenstein, Robin Duncan

STAFF: Steve Romines, Fay Flanery

Chair McPhee gave the floor to Chief Brooks (Lacey FD #3) to introduce their 12 newly hired firefighters which are funded by a Safer Grant they received. This funding allows Lacey FD #3 to reopen their Jubilee station which has been closed for nearly a year.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chairman McPhee called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:33 PM. Roll was recorded by staff.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve the agenda correcting New Business Item C presenter to Wright.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Chair McPhee introduced Tony Kuzma, temporary replacement representative for AMR (Greg Pulver). Romines introduced Chief Robin Duncan, FD#12 Tenino, Janet who recently passed away was Robin’s wife. Both Robin and Janet have served as EMS responders in the system for over 30 years. Janet was involved in the Operations Committee for 15 years, she was one of the first EMT’s trained to use manual defibs. Chair McPhee presented FD #12, Chief Robin Duncan a plaque honoring Janet Duncan, Assistant Fire Chief FD #12 who recently lost battle with cancer. Romines expanded on the tremendous amount of participation and dedication Janet gave to the Thurston County EMS system and Fire District #12.
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. EMS COUNCIL – February 20, 2013 – **MSC** (Ricks/Bostwick) to approve.
 - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – March 7, 2013 (Informational Only)
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Wright reported policy review is underway and they will be brought to Council in small groups of like policies with the first group consisting of Ops approved rescinded policies that need EMS Council approval.
 - B. WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL– The region is working on updating the regional plan and one component is the min/max verified trauma agency update. The conference is completed, it was successful, and now the region will examine feedback from the conference and look at the financial bottom line to see if they will hold a conference next year.
 - C. STAFF REPORT– Romines highlighted on staff report included in the packet:
 - Washington State EMS Rules and Responsibility Committee – Romines and Anne Benoist have been asked to participate as West Region representatives in a State-wide EMS advisory group.
 - Protocol update – We have signed a contract with an “App” vendor who will create our EMS protocols in both Iphone and Android format.
 - Paramedic exam May 14 & 15, 2013.
 - EMT course underway at District #9 with 28 enrolled.
 - Legislative report – per handout noting items that have changed including the EMS levy lift which did not make it through the committee and is currently dead.
 - Medic One received a certificate of appreciation from the Thurston County Fair for our participation.
 - Final 2012 Business Plan
 - Cardiac arrest survival rate dropped in 2012 to 45%, with one additional save. Romines continued that Medic One has adopted the AHA resuscitation procedure for cardiac arrest. Dr. Fontanilla expanded the primary

change will be how we deliver breaths.

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Nominations Committee – McPhee reported both nominations committee members were absent. Chief Carpenter read nominations committee member Betsy Spaths' report to recommend Margaret McPhee and Tom Fell to run again, Chair McPhee requested any nominations from the floor, Romines added, nominations committee member Dave Ribacchi who could not attend due to an injury, McPhee again requested any nominations from the floor, **MSC** (Kirkbride/Parsons) move to close nominations and cast unanimous vote.
- B. TRPC Update – McPhee read Dave Ribacchi's report on the TRPC update summarized as follows: "TRPCs' Paul Brewster has brought the study to a point where the EMSC may begin to consider the subjects that have emerged as items of interest. As of now, TRPC has 5 or so subjects areas that the council may want to consider. Before bringing them to the council, Paul was scheduled to contact additional relevant resources to aid in forming these findings meeting the scope of this first phase. These additional contacts may take us to the end of the month. The council will then have the opportunity to refine the subjects, merge some or divide others and begin the process of prioritizing. Upon completion of ranking of subjects, I would expect the council to recommend to the County Commissioners next steps and alternatives, keeping in mind the value propositions and scope scaling we established as boundaries". Council discussion followed.
- C. 2012/2013 Budget/Program Review – Romines gave a presentation which highlighted the 2012 actual expenditures and the BOCC adopted 2013 budget and how each program falls within the budget. Romines handed out a spreadsheet showing a levy life projection which projects revenues against expenditures and when we will need to request a levy lid lift, he provided explanation of the spreadsheet.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. EMS Week May 19-25, 2013 – Romines reported the Thurston County 2013 EMS week is May 19-25 this year with a BOCC signed proclamation and letter that will be sent to all departments with a special event (more details to come).
- B. BLS Funding Allocation – Romines explained the BLS support funding allocation worksheet with council discussion following.
- C. Min/Max Verified Trauma Agency – Ops Chair Wright brought the Operations Committee recommendation which provide the flexibility for all agencies we currently have within the county and additional flexibility for some upcoming changes without putting us into a problem with the State. Council discussion followed. **MSC** (Kirkbride/Carpenter) move to approve Operations Committee recommendations, two members opposed (Ricks/Bostwick).

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – MSC Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.