

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Emergency Operations Center/ECC
September 18, 2013**

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

EXCUSED: Russ Hendrickson

GUESTS: John Carpenter, Steve Brooks, Terry Ware, Lenny Greenstein, Brian VanCamp, Russ Kaleiwahea, Daryl Palmer, Bob VanCamp, Stan Meyer, Mel Low, Bill Terhune, Gary Burkhardt, James Burkhardt, Matt Somnis, Dale Putnam, Tony Kuzma

STAFF: Steve Romines, Fay Flanery, Cindy Hambly, Pete Suver, Alan Provencher

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chairman McPhee called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:30 PM. Roll was recorded by staff.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC (Valenzuela/Kirkbride) move to approve.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Romines acknowledged Cindy Hambly for 25 years of service to the Thurston County Medic One EMS system. Chair McPhee presented Hambly with an award and thanked her for her years of service and dedication to the system. McPhee opened the floor for additional comments.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. EMS COUNCIL – July 17, 2013 – **MSC** (Ricks/Valenzuela) to approve/August meeting canceled.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – **Draft Unofficial** August 1, 2013 (Informational Only) Sept. meeting canceled.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Wright reported no July or September meetings were held but links were sent out to the system report to let everyone have an opportunity to look at it. The August 1 meeting was held as an unofficial meeting due to no quorum. The meeting concluded with an opportunity to stay and discuss the TRPC report, no one stayed.

B. WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL– Romines reported that WREMS had a presentation at the governors steering committee, they approved the regional plan that included the modification of the min/max number of agencies. There were modifications from both Thurston and Pierce counties.

C. STAFF REPORT– Romines highlighted on staff report included in the packet:

- Acknowledged Kathleen Devin, former EMS Councilmember, Fire Commissioner, Trainier and EMS responder who recently passed away.
- Retired 2 medic units and 1 Sprint unit. Medic units to Fire District 9 and Fire District 16 and Bucoda receiving the SPRINT unit.
- State Roles & Responsibilities meeting was held on 09/12/13, the purpose is to look at the regional EMS structure in the state and how much money is being spent at the administrative level of those structures and how much is going to the communities. Romines added he will provide the report of the findings at the next meeting.
- EMT class started on September 3rd with 18 students enrolled at Station 95.

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

A. 2014 Budget – **MSC** (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve budget committee recommended enhanced budget and recommend enhanced budget to BOCC.

B. TRPC report – Paul Brewster reported that 3 months time was given to allow council and stakeholders to process the information in the system study report, which also allowed him the opportunity to give report presentations to several other stakeholder groups and the BOCC. Based on the feedback he received he has made some minor revisions to the draft plan and handed out updated maps and pages of the report. Paul detailed out those changes and indicated the final report will be available at month end. Council discussion followed. **MSC** (Kirkbride/Bostwick) move to accept report as amended and recommend same to BOCC. Additional council discussion followed with Valenzuela requesting clarification on recommendation #3 and

Kirkbride summarizing follow-up after BOCC decision. *Note: John Ricks appointed to the system study steering committee due to Dave Ribacchi vacancy from EMSC.*

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. BLS Response Time/Volume Report – Wright reported several month ago the Ops committee discussed average response times by agency and Romines had put together the chart included in the packet. He added that it has been reviewed several times and now approved by the Chiefs association. Two questions to council are: 1) should it be included in the annual report and/or; 2) should it be added to the Medic One website? Romines added this has been in our work plan for several years and we finally figured out how to access the TCOMM data warehouse data and make data meaningful. We added hyperlinks to the chart that direct additional inquires about response times directly to the agencies. Romines provided explanations on how a call is “counted”. Council discussion followed requesting additional disclaimer clarification.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mel Low commended Paul Brewster for his time and effort to meet with all stakeholders and his abilities listen to the issues they put on the table and work through them. He added he looked forward to working on committees to take further steps. Stan Meyer added he concurred with Kirkbride and would like to see this continue and implement the recommendation to completion. Russ Kaleiwahea added he also agreed this is a great opportunity especially with the affordable care act as it relates to strategic planning there is a number of changes occurring that may affect the system. Kirkbride asked Romines to talk about the android devices; Romines reported that one of the study recommendations was to provide additional resources to the medic one website. Staff are testing android tablets for possible EMS Council meetings and Operations Committee meeting use along with several other meetings. This would eliminate a lot of paper waste, copying, staff time etc. and make meeting history available on our website. Currently we are testing the concept.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None.

X. ADJOURNMENT – MSC Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.