

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Emergency Operations Center/ECC  
October 16, 2013**

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**PRESENT:** Margaret McPhee, Dr. Tom Fell, Karen Rogers, M. John Way, John Ricks, Karen Valenzuela, Greg Wright, Frank Kirkbride, Russ Hendrickson

**ABSENT:** Kathleen Bostwick

**EXCUSED:** John Christiansen, Ken Parsons, Dr. Larry Fontanilla

**GUESTS:** John Carpenter, Steve Brooks, Terry Ware, Lenny Greenstein, Mel Low, Dale Putnam, Tony Kuzma

**STAFF:** Steve Romines, Fay Flanery, Pete Suver

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chairman McPhee called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:31 PM. Roll was recorded by staff.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC** (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. EMS COUNCIL – September 18, 2013 – **MSC** (Kirkbride/Hendrickson) to approve.
  - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – (Informational Only) October meeting canceled.
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Wright reported due to a majority of Operations Committee members attending a conference on the affordable care reform act the October meeting was cancelled.
  - B. WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL– Romines reported that WREMS had meetings coming up and the February conference will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge.
  - C. STAFF REPORT– Romines highlighted on staff report included in the packet:
    - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr updates have been made to the 2013 Business Plan
    - Remembrances of Rob Johnson and Mike Smith former EMS system members who recently passed away were made by Romines & Chief Wright.
    - Surplused 2 medic units to FD 9 & 16, respectively and 1 SPRINT unit to Bucoda FD.
    - EMT class started on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with 18 students enrolled at Station 95, Romines commented on the notable low enrollment and has spoken to the Washington State DOH who is reporting a 25% decline in EMT enrollments across the State.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS –**
  - A. BLS Response Time/Volume Report – Wright reported on the changes made to the response time report and what will be reported on the website and put in the annual report. Council discussion followed with Romines making some minor formatting changes for the website. **MSC** (Kirkbride/Valenzuela) move to accept the BLS Response Time reporting as presented and recommended by Operations Committee.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS –**
  - A. Tablet technology – Romines gave a demonstration on how tablet technology could be used. Staff is currently testing several android tablet options for possible EMS Council meetings and Operations Committee meeting use along with several other meetings. Council discussion followed. Romines added this would eliminate a lot of paper waste, copying, staff time etc. and make meeting history available on our website.
  - B. SafetyPad – Suver gave a demonstration on the SafetyPad software system that is used by our Paramedics in the ALS units. He continued to provide an overview of how the system works for us, current system integrations and, future integrations we are working on. Council discussion followed including “the Cloud” as an option for data storage. He added the vendor is working on rolling out a BLS version to be used by First Responders. Romines demonstrated where to go in the Medic One website to download the ALS protocols along with other features of the website including the recently updated TRPC report.

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**

**IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Chair McPhee reported that TCOMM was putting on a Flu shot clinic in the Radio Room and is available from 4 – 6 PM. Flanery added it is a TCOMM event and is extended to anyone interested. The shot costs are \$25 and they can/will bill your insurance company.

**X. ADJOURNMENT – MSC Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.**