

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Emergency Operations Center/ECC
February 18, 2015**

PRESENT: Margaret McPhee, Dr. Tom Fell, John Christiansen, Rena Merithew, Lenny Greenstein, Jim Cooper, Eileen Swarthout, John Ricks, Stan Moon, Greg Wright, Frank Kirkbride, Bud Blake, Russ Hendrickson, Steve Brooks, Roger McMaster

EXCUSED: Dr. Fontanilla

GUESTS: Terry Ware, Mary Campbell, Justin Frank, Kevin Armstrong

STAFF: Cindy Hambly, Fay Flanery, Catherine Griffin

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair 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** (Moon/Cooper) move to approve agenda as presented.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Cindy Hambly provided an overview of how a Paramedic earns the Brown/Fell scholarship award and Justin Frank has met all the requirements and is presented here with the Brown/Fell Scholarship award, he was given a plaque and check in the amount of \$1,000. Justin commented on his history in the system and where he got started and is now a Paramedic at Lacey Fire District 3. Cindy continued by giving a background of Kevin Armstrong's involvement in the Thurston County EMS system and his 42 years of public service. Kevin was awarded a plaque detailing the various EMS programs he was involved in. Kevin gave thanks to Dr. Fell and Dr. Brown and added that throughout his career he has not seen a better system than here in Thurston County. Dr. Fell added with Paramedics like Kevin and low paramedic turnover keeps it a high quality system. Chief Wright gave a special thanks on behalf of the Olympia Fire Department to Kevin. Cindy provided details of Darlene Raffelsons' 37 year career in the EMS system – 16 years with Tumwater FD and 21 years in Grays Harbor County. Cindy added she will contact Darlene to see if she can attend a future meeting.
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. EMS COUNCIL – February 18, 2015 – **MSC** (Greenstein/Ricks) move to approve.
 - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – DRAFT February 5, 2015 Meeting (Informational Only). Margaret inquired about the ambulance rates, Fay will provide the rate comparison.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Wright reported the Operations Committee approved the ambulance license renewal applications and they will be forwarded onto the County for processing. He continued, the elections are complete with Greg Wright as Chair and Brian VanCamp as Vice Chair, special projects process and application packets have been sent out and will bring to this Council in May.
 - B. WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL – Hambly reported the West Region annual conference is being held at Ocean Shores this upcoming weekend and she will be in attendance. Hambly added the Min/Max review will be coming in the future.
 - C. STAFF REPORT – Hambly provided an update on Steve Romines medical condition. Included with packet, Hambly highlighted on:
 - Justin Frank and Kevin Armstrong awards.
 - CPR Outreach program increased the number of classes by 31% in 2014 and have increased our instructor pool from 6 to 41 currently.
 - BLS Protocol update should be ready by end of the first quarter and ALS completed by the 2nd quarter
 - Spring EMT course will start the 20th of March
 - Instructor/Evaluator workshop was held in January with a consistent instructor pool of about 40 folks and roughly 246 classes per year
 - Olympic Ambulance Service Level Agreement is completed, waiting to see if AMR will be able to connect
 - The 2014 Business Plan update is included in the packet, still waiting on some final data to finalize it.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS –**

- A. TRPC Study Project Work – Moon reported the EMS Council accepted the final TRPC project prioritization scheduled at last month’s meeting and expect some dialog with the County BOCC in the near future.
- B. Nominations Committee – The nominations committee reported they propose to move the current slate of candidates (McPhee as Chair, Dr. Tom Fell as Vice Chair) forward to the March meeting for vote.
- C. EMS License Request – Wright provided a quick history on the process adding that we did not have a process to evaluate these and we at Operations Committee have developed a questionnaire to aid in the review of these applications. He added there is no requirements that the agency requesting the license change to provide information requested but it could aid in the recommendation from Operations Committee to the EMS Council. The EMS Council unanimously agreed to accept and use the form as presented.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Donations Request Airlift NW Children’s Museum Party March 7, 2015 – Hambly provided an overview of a request for donations to the event adding that the request was to provide cookies not to exceed \$100. The funds would come from the reserve donations account.
 - Working on some of the data numbers to complete it and a presentation will be coming in the future on it.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

- IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER –** Chair MCPhee reported that after the last months meeting she was approached by John Ricks asking to participate in the budget committee. Chair MCPhee has added John Ricks to the budget committee.

- X. ADJOURNMENT – MSC** Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM.