

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Emergency Operations Center/ECC
April 15, 2015**

PRESENT: Greg Wright, Rena Merithew, Frank Kirkbride, Dr. Tom Fell, Russ Hendrickson, John Christiansen, Lenny Greenstein, Stan Moon, Roger McMaster, Eileen Swarthout, Dr. Larry Fontanilla, John Ricks, Bud Blake

EXCUSED: Margaret McPhee

GUESTS: Terry Ware, Steve Brooks, Meredith Hutchins

STAFF: Cindy Hambly, Catherine Griffin

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Vice Chair Fell 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** – No changes.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None.
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. EMS COUNCIL – March 18, 2015 – **MSC** (Moon/Blake) move to approve as presented.
 - B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – April 2, 2015 Meeting (Informational Only) Chief Wright briefed Council on the following: Special Projects; Reviewing Chiefs Association membership on the Operations Committee.
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Wright reported the Operations Committee did not meet in March.
 - B. WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL– Hambly reported Ops will review the State Min/Max and then present findings to the EMSC for review and final approval.
 - C. STAFF REPORT– Hambly provided an update on Steve Romines medical condition.
Included with packet, Hambly highlighted on:
 - 2014 Cardiac Arrest survival rate is 47%. (7 additional survivors not included in this subset data).
 - 66 total CPR Instructors after last class.
 - CPR class scheduled for next EMSC meeting.
 - PPE available for Just in time training for Ebola if required.
 - BLS Protocol Update rollout classes have commenced and should conclude 06/30/2015. ALS to begin soon.
 - Paramedic hiring examination scheduled for 05/04/2015.
 - BLS data system: Olympic Ambulance is online; FD3 in process; AMR working on interface; many TCFD's currently beta testing program.
 - The National Registry pass rate is up to 95% for initial EMTs; Paramedics are at 100%.
 - Spring EMT class started with 30 students, currently at 26 (3 self-dropped, 1 fail).
 - Legislative report was included in the packet. Kirkbride commented on +SB 5591 (Community Care) stating it passed and is on the governors' desk. It sets the stage to refocus on how we provide service to the community.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS** –
 - A. TRPC Prioritization Project Work – Kirkbride stated Paul Brewster continues with interviews and will be meeting with the Fire Chief's association to finalize his data gathering and understanding of the scope of work. The report and fee proposal will be presented to the EMSC at the May 20th meeting.
 - B. 2014 Data Review – Wright presented the updated preliminary ALS and some BLS data. If there is any disagreement with these findings, please bring it to his attention during the presentation. He asked the Council if there is additional data they would like to include prior to finalization of the report. Some additional data requests: top 10 types of calls, % of ALS transports vs calls, resuscitation results, disposition of call types, all transports (including private inter-facility), BLS calls upgraded to ALS, ALNW. Data sets should shed light on other data questions. Kirkbride would like some of TRPCs demographic data included. Discussion concerning a future review of current response-time standards and possibly re-evaluate our benchmarks. Over all the data indicates our system is performing well.

- C. 2016 Budget Reserve – Subcommittee discussed the development of an operational reserve. Currently there are three reserve accounts: disaster, ER&R and disability. The subcommittee discussed combining all and be named the “Operational Reserve.” It is also recommended Medic One build a six-month reserve to meet probable or possible future demands. Kirkbride is developing a policy addressing the reserve fund. The EMSC policy could specify that the end-balance be moved to the operational reserve fund and/or to another designated additional reserve categories. Is in discussion phase only. Per Hambly, our reserve is being spent-down as the current tax base is not meeting the funding necessary to maintain the level of operation required to service our population. When we bring this levy back to the voters, it is to “restore,” not to lift the levy rate Hambly.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. BLS Financial Support & FD7/FD8 Merger – Hambly presented the spreadsheet determining the financial support for 2015. Annual BLS financial support is calculated based on the previous year’s statistics, so FD7 will receive a check. Due to the merger of FD7 and FD8, the 2016 support will be calculated and processed as they are now one licensed agency.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None.

X. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.