

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Emergency Operations Center/ECC  
August 19, 2015**

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**PRESENT:** Greg Wright, Rena Merithew, Frank Kirkbride, Dr. Tom Fell, John Christiansen, Rich Gleckler, Roger McMaster, Margaret McPhee, Eileen Swarhout, John Ricks, Bud Blake

**EXCUSED:** Russ Hendrickson

**ABSENT:** Lenny Greenstein, Dr. Larry Fontanilla

**GUESTS:** Terry Ware, Meredith Hutchins, Anthony Kuzma, Steve Brooks, Darlyne Reiter

**STAFF:** Steve Romines, Cindy Hambly, Fay Flanery, Catherine Griffin, Alan Provencher

**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** (Ricks/Kirkbride) moved to approve agenda as presented.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. EMS COUNCIL – June 17th, 2015 – **MSC** (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve as published.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – August 6, 2015 MEETING CANCELED (Informational Only).

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** – Wright reported the Operations Committee did not meet in August. Next meeting is September 3, 2015.

B. **WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL**– Hambly stated the conference is a go but WREMS continues to seek additional grants. It will be held at Ocean Shores on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

C. **STAFF REPORT**– Romines attended and provided a update on his current medical condition.

Included with packet, Romines highlighted on:

- JEMS survey 750 cities annually and Thurston County was number 8 out of 100 as a top area for EMS providers.
- TRPCs scope of work has been approved and the contract will be signed so they can move forward.
- CPR program continues to be successful and the coordinator will be putting up a Facebook site.
- Protocol Update and agency training has taken place. Still working on updating and processing the electronic application.
- Medic Hiring Exam: Chief's and MPDs have worked out a process to include Public Safety Testing. After submitting applications and testing through the PST website, the top 24 candidates will move forward for a protocol exam and oral boards.
- WHEERS Radio (Washington Hospital EMS Emergency Radio System) – Radio system that can reach SPH from any ALS unit in the region: DOH threatening to discontinue because of other funding priorities. Impact: we will need to recalibrate our local and regional MCI plan. Romines anticipates there will be a cost shift to hospitals and EMS agencies to maintain as DOH may be charging a fee for usage of this communications system.
- BLS data system – Still in progress. All agencies (OFD expected online 10/01/2015) currently using program. McLane and Tumwater FDs are beta testing the QA/QI portion of the program.
- Medical supply inventory system is close to completion. It will be an on-line cloud based system. FD3 and Tumwater are piloting the program. All FD's should be online by October 2015.
- Fall EMT class: 24 applications received, 2 failed pre-tests and 1 self-dropped. 21 will be starting the class.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS –**

A. **2016 Budget** – After review and discussion of the completed 2016 budget is was moved to accept and present to BOCC. **MSC** (Kirkbride/Ricks) Thurston County Commissioner Blake abstained.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS –**

A. **None**

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None.

**IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Letter of Appreciation from Panorama City concerning Lacey FD3 EMS responders. McPhee represented Romines in the Tumwater City parade. McPhee has photos of an air-tanker dropping fire retardant on the Washington State Omak fire. Contact her if you are interested in receiving copies. Romines recognized everyone for their constant support and handed out “Stand up to Cancer” and “Pancreatic Cancer” bracelets for EMSC attendees.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.