

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Emergency Operations Center/ECC  
December 16, 2015**

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**PRESENT:** Greg Wright, Frank Kirkbride, Dr. Tom Fell, Stan Moon, Russ Hendrickson, Bill Owen, Margaret McPhee, Eileen Swarthout, John Ricks, Lenny Greenstein, Jim Cooper

**EXCUSED:** Bud Blake, Dr. Larry Fontanilla, John Christiansen, Rena Merithew

**GUESTS:** Terry Ware, Tony Kuzma, Wade Glenn, Meredith Hutchins, Alex Christiansen, Tristan Mundwiler (& family), Mary Campbell

**STAFF:** Steve Romines, 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 3:31 PM. Roll was recorded by staff.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC** (Cooper/Kirkbride) moved to approve agenda as presented.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Dr. Fell presented Tristan Mundwiler with the Brown/Fell Scholarship Award. Tristan thanked the council for their acknowledgement of his efforts and commitment to Thurston County. Tristan provided a brief overview of his EMS history and his ascent to his current paramedic position with OFD. His family was in attendance for the presentation.

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. EMS COUNCIL – November 18, 2015 – **MSC** (Kirkbride/Greenstein) move to approve with modification Jim Cooper in attendance.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – December 2015 meeting canceled.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** –
- B. **WEST REGION EMS COUNCIL**– Campbell stated the conference 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 provided an update on his current medical condition. Romines initiated the staff report update as follows:
  - TRPC – Paul Brewster has been meeting with the Thurston County fire chiefs. He will be on schedule in January and is also coordinating a county-wide BLS data query. He is also working with Chief Brooks to deal with the vendors.
  - Budget was approved by the BOCC. Public hearing elicited no concerns or questions.
  - November paramedic testing process added 3 additional candidates to the hiring list.
  - “Case Flow” was added to the BLS SafetyPad program to facilitate BLS EMS departments QI/QA program(s).
  - Inventory system is currently undergoing testing and will be available January 2016. EMSC would like a brief overview of the system at the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Agencies will continue to pick up their supply orders.
  - BLS training videos will be presented by Wade Glenn OFD in new business. These were created using BLS funds with donated FD personnel time. Wade Glenn will be providing an overview today.
  - 2015-2 EMT class has 16 graduates and the graduation ceremony will be held 12/17/2015 at Yelm High School, 6:30pm.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **TRPC** – Kirkbride reported Brewster is meeting with the chiefs. He will be coordinating a countywide BLS database. He is expected to deliver the data in March 2016.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **BLS Training Video Presentation** – Glenn provided an overview of the training videos created and funded by OFD, TFD and FD3 along with help from FD6 agency personnel. TAC recommended training videos to provide continuity and consistency for ongoing training and new EMTs. They used Chris Sharp Productions who is familiar with protocols and training. Twelve subjects were determined to be a priority: BVMs, OPAs, NPAs, KTD traction splints, control bleeding and shock, extrication from vehicles using full immobilization on long back boards, Hare traction splint, CPR density, patient exam trauma and medical, SAM splints, vacuum splint, TPOD (to secure

pelvic fractures). Videos create a clear and consistent tool for Ongoing Training Education Program and EMT class candidates. These training videos can be found on the Medic One website at <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/medic1/ems.htm>.

- B. BLS vs ALS – Wright provided an overview of an article found in the Annals of Internal Medicine (November 2015). Briefing and discussion followed. Wright asked if EMSC wanted anymore reviewed by the Operations Committee. Kirkbride stated no but Moon requests a bullet point synopsis added to the next meetings packet to make the information available for future reference. This information may be helpful when the Medic One Restoration Levy is brought before the public in a few years.
- C. Brown/Fell Scholarship Application – MSC (Kirkbride/Greenstein) move to accept Tim Reynolds application for the Brown/Fell Scholarship Award.
- D. GEMT – Wright presented the GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transportation) conference call on November 4, 2015. It is a program (\$20 million for the State of Washington) to help offset lost revenue from Medicaid claims currently supplemented by local taxpayers. The inclusion of prehospital care providers was authorized by the governor in April 2015. The grant is for those agencies that are consistent in submitting reimbursement claims for ambulance transport services. However, it is limited to Medicaid insurance claims as the current reimbursement fees inadequately cover the true cost of said transports. It is anticipated this program will be up and running by 2017.

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None.

**IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – The Romines reported he is considered to be in remission.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.