

**Thurston County Medic One  
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting  
Emergency Operations Center/ECC  
December 21, 2016**

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- PRESENT:** Frank Kirkbride, Paul Perz, Margaret McPhee, Eileen Swarthout, John Ricks, Greg Wright, Rena Merithew, Stan Moon, Bill Owens
- ABSENT:** Bud Blake, Jeannine Roe, Larry Fontanilla, Michael Steadman
- EXCUSED:** Tom Fell, Russ Hendrickson, Roger McMaster
- GUESTS:** Jason Norris (DOH), Terry Ware, Scott LaVielle, Andrew Schaffran, Monti Sorem, Josh Stewart, Rian Winter, Alex Christiansen, Anne Benoist, Meredith Hutchins, Steve Brooks
- STAFF:** Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Cindy Hambly, Alan Provencher
- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair McPhee called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:31 PM. Roll was recorded by staff.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC** – Chair McPhee asked to move the Brown/Fell Scholarship presentation to the beginning of the meeting. (Ricks/Moon) move to approve and it carried unanimously.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – 1) Cindy Hambly informed the council that Steve Romines is undergoing chemotherapy, with good results and he is looking good. 2) Kurt Hardin informed the council that Roger McMaster was readmitted to the hospital last night with further issues. He is scheduled to be released on Friday and will receive Hospice care at his home.
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- A. EMS COUNCIL – November 16, 2016 – **MSC** (Kirkbride/Moon) move to approve, and this carried unanimously.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – November 3, 2016 & December 1, 2016 (Information Only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Greg Wright's report is under new business. Paul Perz asked about the lack of resource utilization issue being discussed at the TRU committee and if this will be brought to the EMSC. Wright explained the issue of not enough BLS transport vehicles and TRU is looking at different solutions which will be presented to the Operations Committee and EMSC. TRU is an open meeting and is held the first Thursday of each month from 12:30 – 2:00.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Anne Benoist reported: 1) Min/Max numbers will go before the West Region Council on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2) At the State level they have started a licensing and verification work group which will look at issues such as Min/Max and the process. 4 members of this committee are from fire, 2 are from private and 2 are from the State. 3) Conference registration is open.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Hardin reported: 1) An updated Medic One Fund balance presentation is scheduled for later in the meeting. 2) Hardin is scheduled to meet with the new County Commissioners on January 4<sup>th</sup> to talk about Medic One. 3) Applications for the ALS Program Manager position have been reviewed and 5 – 6 candidates are selected for an interview in January. 4) The potential new contracting process with the physician's group (OES) at SPH is moving forward. If there is interest from OES, Medic One will solicit information and comments from stakeholders, then the County Auditor and Prosecuting Attorney will review to ensure contracting and legal requirements are met. The Operations Committee will review and make a recommendation to the ESMC which then makes a recommendation to the BOCC. Final approval rests with the BOCC. 5) The BOCC adopted the budget on December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
- A. Levy Restoration: Hardin presented to the EMSC the presentation he will be providing to the Thurston County BOCC as informational only, on January 4, 2017. Paul Perz suggested the necessity of voting on this as a form of support for bringing this information to the BOCC. Perz motioned to approve the numbers as informational and not adoption, Wright seconded and the motion carried. Bill Owens abstained, Stan Moon and Margaret McPhee opposed. John Ricks made a motion to rescind the vote at the October EMSC meeting to move forward with the levy restoration in 2017, and Stan Moon seconded. This carried unanimously. Frank Kirkbride suggested that if there is the remote possibility for action on an agenda item, the expected outcome should be discussion/action.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. EMSC Meeting Time: Hardin asked the council if the meeting time should be adjusted to an earlier time in the day since the meetings have been running later than expected. Eileen Swarouth must use personal vacation time from her job to attend the meetings so the 3:30 time works best for her. Council meeting times will remain at 3:30.
- B. Ambulance Licensing FD12: Wright reported FD12 (Tenino) has been involved in a merger with FD16 (Gibson Valley). Once the merger takes place these departments will legally be FD12, but will be called South Thurston Fire & EMS. Kirkbride moved to recommend accepting the application to change the license status from FD16 to FD12, doing business as South Thurston Fire & EMS. John Ricks seconded and the motion carried. Wright abstained and McPhee opposed.
- C. Surplus Vehicle – Tiebreaker Policy & Procedure: A matrix for determining which departments receive surplus vehicles was created and recently modified. As a result there was concern about how to deal with two or more agencies having a tie for receiving a vehicle. The Operations Committee suggested creating a policy and procedure for determining the tie breaker. The policy was presented to the EMSC for their recommendation. The EMSC asked the Operations Committee to create a Surplus Vehicle policy (if there isn't one) and add a provision to include a tie breaker. This will be discussed at the January 2017 Operations Committee meeting.

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Jason Norris, EMS and Trauma Prehospital Liason with Washington State Department of Health presented Council with information on Falck Ambulance. Falck has applied for a non-verified BLS ambulance license in Thurston County to do non-trauma inter-facility transports. Falck has a contract with Multi-Care and would like to spread out a little more in different areas. There is concern from staff that the county ordinance needs to be considered with Falck's operation. Jason Norris will send staff information on Falck and staff will submit to Thurston County Prosecutor's office for their review.

**IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Hardin reported: WREMS sent us a letter in July regarding the Min/Max. Included in the letter was a request for the review of the trauma response areas in Thurston County. When the Operations Committee looked at the Min/Max there was no indication that we needed to address or change our trauma response areas therefore Medic One staff can respond to WREMS in the form of an email letting them know there is no change.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.