

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER/ECC
October 2, 2014**

PRESENT: Greg Wright, Brian VanCamp, Jim Quackenbush, Gary Pearson, Kathy Pace, Scott LaVielle, Russ Kaleihawia, Jody Halsey, Larry Fontanilla MD (MPD), Jim Fowler, Brett Knutsen, Mallore Barnes

ABSENT: Alex Christiansen, Scott Puhalla

GUESTS: Dr. Bill Hurley,

STAFF: Cindy Hambly, Alan Provencher

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair Wright called the regular meeting of the Operations Committee to order at 2:01 PM. Roll was recorded by staff.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC** (VanCamp/Fowler) move to approve with additions of Old Business Item D – BLS Safety Pad Update and New Business Item C – Ebola concerns discussion.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Operations Committee – August 7, 2014 – **MSC** (VanCamp/Quackenbush) move to approve. September meeting was canceled.
 2. EMS Council – August 20, 2014 Mtg. canceled, September 17, 2014 DRAFT (Informational Only)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. WEST REGION – Hambly reported West Region is focusing on the next years' conference. Hambly added the dates will be February 20 – 22, 2015 and will be held at Ocean Shores. Announcements for the conference should be coming out soon; there will also be a PALS class for Paramedics.
 - B. SUBCOMMITTEES
 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Provencher, no meeting, no report.
 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – no meeting, no report.
 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Hambly reported TAC had their annual retreat September 15th @ Station 8-1. She added, discussions at the retreat included National Registry testing results and explained how the percentages are reported, continue to work with KC Online issues and hope to have a follow up in late October. Protocol updates will be completed by the end of the year. Electronic subcommittee met and we are trying to get our evaluations tools for OTEP electronically. Initial EMT training class issues were also discussed. Protocol exam review, results from that discussion will come out later in the year with protocol exam changes. EMS Instructor/Evaluator workshop is scheduled for January 24 & 25, 2015 pending MPD's availability. Next meeting for TAC is October 11, 2014.
 - C. STAFF Report – Hambly reported on the staff report that was included in the packet.
 - Next Paramedic hiring exam is scheduled for October 7, 2014.
 - Fall EMT class started with 27 students and were down to 23, no fails, all were self drops.
 - Provencher reported the CPR Instructor workshop was held on Sept 6 with 12 new instructors added. He added, we are transitioning our American Heart Association training center from Carlson Consulting to Cascade Training Center. Hambly added, 2014 is our year to increase our citizen CPR training; we hired Preston Wallace to do CPR outreach to increase CPR classes in the County. Provencher continued we have added approximately 20 new part time extra help CPR instructors.
 - Flanery is working on Special Projects and Surplus Vehicle updates, Chair Wright reminded folks if they were awarded a Special Projects grant to make the purchases and get their paperwork in for reimbursements.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMS Council Action Update – Chair Wright reported EMS Council budget subcommittee brought a budget forward that did not include an increase to the base financial support to agencies. There was discussion and concern from several Council members, the recommended budget to the BOCC added that increase request back into the budget. Wright added, Steve told EMS Council the BOCC budget directive was zero increase and he didn't believe the request would pass. Wright added, the BOCC denied that portion of the budget. Wright continued, the Fire Commissioners and Fire Chiefs have taken action from within their boards to bring information to the BOCC that they believe that money should be reinstated. There is a budget public hearing on October 6 @ 5:30 PM.
- B. System data review, response time trends – Updated w/new filters – Chair Wright reported there were some questions in response time trends specifically for District 6. Steve has continued to look at it and added additional filters, at this time no specific reason has been identified that gives an answer as to why the response time dropped. We will continue to monitor every six months.
- C. TRPC/EMS Study Update – Wright reported the study has been out for a while and the Steering committee put together a chart with timelines for the recommendations from the study. All of the recommendations were put into a dot exercise to aid the Council in the development of a prioritization schedule of those recommendations. There is a need for BLS data, this data will drive several of the decisions that need to be made based on the recommendations.
- D. BLS Safety Pad Update - Wright reported that Suver is working on the implementation and training schedule with Districts noting it appears about half of the Districts are trained so far. The goal is to be completely online by the first of the year. Hambly added still working with Olympic Ambulance and AMR to help close the loop for all to be included. Wright added this is a very important project as it will provide base line data reporting which will also supports the TRPC study recommendations, he continued, we have the ALS reporting data and this will give us the BLS reporting capability as well.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Lacey Police Dept. Request to add AED's in police vehicles – Chair Wright reported he was working with Sergeant Scott Eastman the past few months and he mentioned they might be interested in AED's in police cars. I asked him to provide a letter of his request so I could bring it to this group for discussion. Wright added he briefly discussed this with Romines, who said Medic One can provide the training support but do not currently have funds to buy the AEDs. Committee discussion followed. Provencher added the PAD type equipment cost approximately \$1,300 each. Committee discussion continued. **MSC** (Pearson/LaVielle) Move to have TCMO staff study the feasibility of placing AED's into Law Enforcement units and encourage EMSC to support the concept.
- B. Active Shooter Dispatch Protocol – Quackenbush reported they have been working on a best practices active shooter protocol type code to be used only in situations where there are multiple victims. This protocol would automatically dispatch both law enforcement and ems personnel. Wright reported this protocol has been implemented.
- C. Ebola – Wright reported several EMS personnel have inquired about a process for the Ebola virus should it get here in Thurston County. Wright indicated he did check the CDC inner guidelines, even with the low likelihood of it ending up here were at the point where we need to discuss if we should have a plan in place. Dr. Fontanilla added even with it now in the US, until it gets to Washington State we don't need to initiate anything just yet. Dr. Fontanilla continued, at that time we would institute a screening process with our EMS personnel. Committee discussion followed. Quackenbush reported TCOMM911 center is ready and will follow dispatch screening protocols. Committee discussion continued.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Brett reported thank you to Olympia Fire for their support with the finding and passing of an AMR crew member. He also wanted to thank Olympic Ambulance for their support as AMR shutdown the crew for the balance of that day. There will be a memorial service in the near future, look for information to come.

Chair Wright added there was also in your packet a notice of a para medicine/mobile medic conference being held in SeaTac, WA in November. He added it is a \$500 registration fee.

Hambly added Lacey Fire District has had a couple of cardiac arrest stories lately and reported one was a double cardiac arrest. She added another great success, where a citizen initiated CPR until the Paramedics arrived.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - 3:04 PM