

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER
November 05, 2015**

PRESENT: Greg Wright, Brian VanCamp, Steve Brooks, Keith Flewelling, Terry Ware, Scott LaVielle, Dr. Larry Fontanilla, Dr. Bill Hurley, Stewart Mason, Dave Pearsall, Kathy Pace, Mark Gregory

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: Jody Halsey, Alex Christiansen, Jim Fowler

GUESTS: Tony Kuzma, Wade Glenn, Byron Hamilton,

STAFF: Cindy Hambly, Catherine Griffin, Fay Flanery, Pete Suver, Alan Provencher

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair Wright called the regular meeting of the Operations Committee to order at 2:03 PM. Roll was recorded by staff.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC** (Brooks/LaVielle) As amended. EMS training first in New Business; Remove TRPC and add GEMT.
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None.
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Operations Committee – October 1, 2015 – **MSC** (LaVielle/Brooks) moved to approve.
 2. EMS Council – Draft August 19, 2015 Mtg. (Informational Only – 10/16/2015 Meeting Canceled)
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. WEST REGION – Conference will be held 02/26 thru 02/28/2016 at Ocean Shores WA.
 - B. SUBCOMMITTEES
 1. West Region EMS (WREM) – Conference is February 26, 27 & 28 at Ocean Shores, WA. Meeting scheduled for November 10th to finalize the conference.
 2. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No Report.
 3. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No Report.
 4. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Updated BLS protocols have been submitted to the vendor for the phone application. Anticipated it will be pushed out November 14th. ALS protocol review/changes are still underway. Waiting to hear from King County EMS Online concerning requested administrative issues/changes. OTEP Cardiac arrest reviews and potential changes in requirements will be discussed with the MPD. Requested suggestions for future TAC projects. The majority of the Chief's concerns have been resolved. Medic One is working on getting the protocol & practice test online. Also timely notification of those that have passed/failed and areas of study. Epinephrine pens at \$90K per year is becoming cost prohibitive. Other delivery systems will be researched. Instructor/Evaluator workshop is being held January 30/31, 2016.
 - C. MEDIC ONE OFFICE UPDATE – Director Romines may be returning around the end of November 2015. Current staff continues to fill in and cover other duties/positions.
 - D. STAFF REPORT – Staff report was included in the packet. Hambly highlighted the following:
 - TRPC – Brewster met with the Fire Chief's Association on 10/28/2015.
 - BLS Protocol Update – Hambly will email fire chiefs when the phone application is rolled out.
 - 2016 Budget – Waiting for final approval after the public has commented.
 - Paramedic Hiring Process – Suver stated he is using Public Safety Testing.
 - BLS Data System/SafetyPad – Suver reported they have met with FD3 and WTRFA to discuss various issues and future requests. They continued to work on configuration, development and hardware issues. FDs will have QA/QI capability using the caseflow option.

- Inventory System – Provencher reported the back end of the system is in place. One third of the departments downloaded and now have access to the program. They are testing orders that have been submitted through the web based program. A training session for end users should take place in the next couple of weeks.
- EMS Training Videos – TFD, OFD and FD3 utilized a portion of their BLS budget to pay for a professional videographer. In addition, the departments donated the EMS provider's time/hours who participated in the making of these training videos. Here is the link to view those videos: <https://vimeo.com/user32150889/videos>
- EMT Class 2015-2 - We had 24 original applicants, (2 failed pretest, 2 self-dropped, 1 failed) 19 EMT candidates left. It is anticipated all will graduate.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Special Projects Application– Updated changes presented and reviewed. **MSC** (LaVielle/Brooks) move to approve.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. EMS Training Videos – Glenn provided an overview of the process in the making of these 12 training videos. It was estimated that approximately 413 hours (OFD, FD3, TFD, individual participants hours) have been spent in their creation. These training videos demonstrate how a skill is performed and created to provide consistency. Glenn narrated and provided explanations throughout a few videos. Per Hambly, these training videos can be freely accessed and used by anyone as they are not copyrighted.
- B. GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transport) – Hosted by Fire Chief Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Keith Wright (lead for Washington State Chief's Association) and AP Triton LLC (consulting company). (Brooks, VanCamp, Gregory, Suver and Wright participated.) This is a program that may offset lost revenue from Medicaid patients that are currently being supplemented by the local taxpayers. Early public relations predicts \$100 million statewide for fire service and \$20 million for State of Washington. Inclusion of the pre-hospital provider(s) was signed by the governor this last April 2015. The State Plan (SP) allows for an amendment to be created and what pre-hospital dollars might be eligible to collect. There are guidelines such as you must: be a governmental (taxing) entity, enrolled as a Medicaid provider and bill consistently for services (those currently billing for ambulance transport services have an advantage but GEMT will only pay a percentage of the loss). Currently prehospital Medicaid care is not reimbursed and in order to determine reimbursement potential, a cost/loss analysis will need to be prepared.
- C. TRU Committee (Transport Resource Utilization) – Chief Brooks provided an overview of the the October 19th meeting. Initial CAD data was reviewed and they are requesting further data be supplied for a better picture of our BLS transport system (availability, utilization, cancellations, personnel training needs, etc.). Brooks continues to encourage all those interested and/or have a vested interest in the outcome. Next meeting scheduled for 11/16/2015, 2:30pm at 2703 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia for those who are interested in attending.
- D. Ambulance License Narrative – Prior to the merger of South Bay Fire Department, FD7 had an ambulance license. Per VanCamp DOH indicated this license should be absorbed by FD8. Three months later FD8 was told if they wish to retain that ambulance license, they would need to re-apply. VanCamp submitted a narrative and application to the Ops Committee for review, comments and to make a determination if this license should remain with FD8. This is not a new license request, it is only the transfer of a license per VanCamp.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Wright asked where law enforcement stood with acquiring defibrillators for their units. Law Enforcement Vehicles & PADs will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - 3:40 PM