

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER
April 7, 2016**

PRESENT: Greg Wright, Steve Brooks, Keith Flewelling, Tony Kuzma, Scott LaVielle, Dr. Bill Hurley, Jody Halsey, James Fowler, Mark Gregory

ABSENT: Alex Christiansen, Stewart Mason, Russ Kaleiwahea

EXCUSED: Dave Pearsall, Kathy Pace, Brian Van Camp

GUESTS: Terry Ware

STAFF: Cindy Hambly, Fay Flanery, Sandra Bush

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chair Wright called the regular meeting of the Operations Committee to order at 2:02 PM. Staff recorded roll.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC (LaVielle/Brooks) moved to approve.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – February 4, 2016 – **MSC** (Flewelling/LaVielle) moved to approve as submitted.
2. EMS Council – Draft March 16, 2016 Mtg. (Informational Only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. WEST REGION – Brooks reported that he attended a portion of this meeting, which was held 2 weeks ago. One local issue was District 8 license application. The council recommended state approval for this. Hambly reported there is a conference de-brief meeting scheduled for next week which she will be attending. She will provide an update from this at the next Operations meeting.

B. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Alan Provencher presented minutes from the March 16, 2016 meeting. One area of interest was the impervious gurney straps. During the last routine maintenance cycle it was recommended to switch to a biothane restraint which can be easily cleaned. There have been positive field reports with using these straps, and there is not a significant difference in cost.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Hambly said there is a meeting scheduled for April 20, 2016. She asked that input for this agenda be emailed to her.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – This Committee has not met in a while. Brooks would like to have the next meeting precede the Operations Committee meeting in May (1:00 – 2:00).

C. STAFF REPORT – Staff and Legislative report was included in the packet. A revised Staff report was handed out.

- There is a retirement party for Steve Romines scheduled for May 21, 2016 at the Olympia Golf & Country Club. Meals are \$26/guest.
- The 2015 Cardiac Arrest save rate is at 59%, which is a significant increase, and may even be better than Seattle, as well as third in the nation.
- Paul Brewster is meeting with fire chiefs, working with historical BLS data from agencies.
- First Guardian Education Center (6340 Capitol Blvd) is a private agency inquiring about approval for ALS training in Thurston County. There are several steps this company will need to go through, one step being they will need to get approved by the Commission of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, and the first step being to meet with the Thurston County Medical Program Director.

- The MPD contract is being modified to move the SWAT contracted duties to Dr. Daniel Gilday. Compensation has been \$625 per month; however, it is believed that Dr. Gilday's compensation is in negotiation \$1,000 per month.
- The CPR/EMS program was reviewed with the Olympian Editorial Board, with hopes they will publish an article about this. As of today, there has not been a publication.
- The FD8 ambulance license has been approved to WREMSC.
- Medic Hiring and Oral Boards: Pete will request on April 25th a list of the top 24 applicants from the PST (Public Safety Testing) site. Once Pete has chosen the 24 applicants that have passed the preliminary test on the PST site then we will send them applications to submit for Thurston County, and those will be back by April 29th. Written test is scheduled for May 6th at the Medic One office, and Oral Boards on May 9th.
- The spring EMT course began with 36 applications and 22 are currently in the class.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMS Council Action Report – Wright reported that Frank Kirkbride provided an update on the program. The council is trying to provide a baseline for when BLS units go to ALS calls. Unfortunately the district's use of different data systems is inconsistent across the board so TRCP is having a hard time figuring out what to do with that. The council may hold off until new data from SafetyPad is available because this information is consistent, and then set a baseline from that information. Kirkbride will report an update at the next EMS Council meeting. In addition, after many years Dr. Fell has asked to step down from the Vice-Chair position, so nominations were made and Stan Moon was nominated and elected as Vice-Chair. Margaret McPhee will remain as Chair.
- B. Special Projects – A subcommittee is needed to prioritize the special project requests, and will present at the next Operations Committee meeting. Cathy Pace, Steve Brooks and Tony Kuzma have offered to be on this committee.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – 1) Wright reported an issue with Narcan being handed out as a prescription. There is talk that Dr. Wood with the Health Department is writing prescriptions for private parties, and there are number of police departments looking into this. 2) There is concern from OFD about paramedics and fire fighters being called into places where there is a significant amount of marijuana smoke, and if this could produce a positive drug test. Research shows this to be very unlikely. 3) The WPS is planning an active shooter drill on the Capitol Campus June 4th. 4) Steve Brooks reported an active application at the state level for a 75 bed inpatient mental behavioral center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - 2:44 PM