

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES  
EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER  
August 4, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Greg Wright, Steve Brooks, Mike Matousek, Stewart Mason, Keith Flewelling, John Wood, Russ Kaleiwahea, Brian Vancamp

**ABSENT:** Jim Fowler, Wendy Rife, Alex Christiansen, Larry Fontanilla, Tony Kuzma

**EXCUSED:** Dave Pearsall, Scott LaVielle, Jody Halsey, Kathy Pace

**GUESTS:** Terry Ware, Mark Gregory

**STAFF:** Cindy Hambly, Sandra Bush

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – Chair Wright called the regular meeting of the Operations Committee to order at 2:00 PM. Staff recorded roll.

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

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None.

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Operations Committee – July 7, 2016 – **MSC** (Flewelling/Brooks) moved to approve as submitted.
2. EMS Council – Draft July 20, 2016 Mtg. (Informational Only)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. WEST REGION – Hambly reported: WREMS attended the July EMSC meeting (see staff report)

B. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – No report.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Chief Brooks commented on Cab vouchers and Lyft availability for patient transportation and asked if there is interest in having this put in the budget as a pilot program for a period of time. This will be added as new business to the October Ops meeting, for discussion.
5. STAFF REPORT –
  - Emergency Services Director position: 5 candidates were interviewed by two separate panels on July 22, 2016. The panel's recommendations were forwarded to the BOCC.
  - The budget committee meets August 9<sup>th</sup> for a third review.
  - Medic Hiring: Next hiring exam is scheduled for October. MPD will interview candidates and he may make an exception to help move more candidates forward to oral boards.
  - WHEERS: The arrangements with Providence Foundation and Providence SW fell through so WREMS is going to contact Capital Medical Center to ask for assistance.
  - WREMS: Per WREMS contract, Thurston County will need to submit min/max to WREMS by December 2016.
  - SPH Clinical Agreement: Medic One received a draft agreement for all agencies to sign; however, there were still modifications that needed to be made. There is a meeting scheduled for the week of August 15<sup>th</sup> to meet with SPH.
  - Fall EMT Course: Pre-requisite CPR HCP course is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> at Station 95.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

A. EMS Council Action Report – Wright reported: After discussion, the ALS Contracts were moved and passed to send to the BOCC for approval. With regards to the overtime back-fill on assigned licensed EMS units, Wright discussed the issue of not enough paramedics on a hiring list, and the overtime back-fill is a way

to share the cost. This is offered to BLS agencies, as well as ALS agencies. Wright also encouraged suggestions from agencies on recruiting paramedics.

- B. Surplus Vehicles – Included in the meeting packet is a revised matrix for surplus vehicles. The revised matrix includes an additional column for “years on list” and “last vehicle received”. After discussion with the committee it was decided to remove the column for “years on list”, change the “BLS Agency” column to read “agency type”, remove the column for “prev received unit”, remove the “current # of B/U”, and change the “add or replace” to include maintain service, new service, or place in reserve. This will be discussed at the next Ops meeting as Old Business.
- C. Discussion with Law Enforcement - Brooks reported: There was a meeting, immediately following the TCOMM Operations meeting, discussing two issues with safety. First issue, transporting a patient who has an unknown status or a perpetrators status. Second issue, private ambulances being called directly by law enforcement and circumventing the fire districts. Keith Flewelling said there is a commitment to put this on the agenda for the Fire Liasons and Law Enforcement Users Group for TCOMM agenda, as an ongoing discussion. EMS Operations will add to the October meeting agenda as new business, “responders safety”, to include equipment, procedures, training, and law enforcement.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Wright suggested to cancel the September meeting since it will be the Thursday before Labor Day and the committee agreed.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** - 3:35 PM