

**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
TUMWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT
October 4, 2018**

PRESENT: Greg Wright, Ryan Cox, Jim McGarva, Brian VanCamp, Stewart Mason, Wendy Rife, Russ Kaleiwahea, Tony Kuzma, Kathy Pace, Keith Flewelling, Dave Pearsall

ABSENT: Alex Christiansen, John Wood

EXCUSED: Larry Fontanilla

GUESTS: Chris Clem, Sean Bacon, Shawn Crimmins, Mike Buchanan

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Anna Lee Drewry, Ben Miller-Todd

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 – Wright added MCI Promulgation to New Business, (McGarva/Pace) move to approve and this carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – September 6, 2018 – **MSC** (Flewelling/Kuzma) moved to approve, and this carried.
2. EMS Council – (informational only) September 19, 2018.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. WEST REGION – Pace reported: Unofficial report, WREMS will have a tuition scholarship named after Steve Romines.

B. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – No report.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – No report.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) –Committee did not meet last month but will meet October 18th to discuss the online EMS training platform. Question was asked about whether Ops needed to approve of the online program or not. Committee is fine with reports of a new program as information only.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – No report.
5. Staff Report – Staff report is included in the packet. Hardin added to the report that Dr. Fontanilla is not present at today's meeting because he is doing a deposition preparation with legal counsel (not Medic One related). Miller-Todd added there is paramedic testing this month. Written is October 24th, and oral boards are October 25th & 26th.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. EMS Council Action Report – Wright reported: 1) Comprehensive Planning group continues to meet. 2) EMSC approved recommendation for Dr. Tom Fell to fill the emeritus position on the council. This will go to the BoCC on October 16th.

B. Airlift Uber App – Sean Bacon with Airlift NW provided information on the airlift app. This is not an app that Airlift NW will require providers to use, it is simply an option. Lacey and WTRFA may do a trial run with it, if TCOMM is involved. Questions about this app can be emailed to sean.bacon@airliftnw.org.

C. ESO Update – Training will take place October 25th thru November 9th, with a total of 36 classes. The two super user training classes will be held at Emergency Management, from 08:30 – 12:30, October 25th & 26th. All other class dates and times can be found on SignUpGenius, and everyone should have the link. The live date is scheduled for December 3rd, and CAD interface live date is November 1st.

Chief Wright read the following:

At the September 26, 2018, Thurston County Fire Chief's meeting a discussion about the ESO implementation brought about the following comments.

While the Chief's appreciate Medic One's sensitivity to past reporting methodology transitions in developing a training plan and schedule for the ESO rollout, it was recognized by everyone involved that earlier consultation with the administrations of the end users departments would have been helpful. It was also recognized that this is "water under the bridge" so in fire service tradition an After Action Review (AAR) is requested so that lessons learned can be recorded for similar future situations involving countywide implementation requiring all EMS providers to receive training. With the rapid change in the medical arena of our work it is quite likely that we will need to do a county wide rollout again for some item or concept. Operations committee is the best venue for discussing the medical efficacy of any anticipated change but Thurston County Chiefs (and Paramedic Association for ALS specific items) is a critical partner for implementation activities and requests to be engaged as early as possible in the planning phases of countywide rollouts.

Hardin said Medic One was supportive of the AAR and suggested that a survey would precede the AAR to determine the various focus areas for the AAR.

- D. Ambulance Ordinance – Hardin presented changes to the ordinance, with most changes grammatical. 6.16.050, staff added D. 'In the rare circumstance where a Medic One Paramedic/ALS provider accompanies a patient on the private ambulance transport to the Emergency Department due to emergency circumstances, the private ambulance company shall charge a rate not to exceed 20 percent of the published BLS transport rate to Medic One. No additional fee, charge, or other cost shall be submitted to the patient or their health care provider.' AMR expressed concern about this because Medicare and Medicaid do not allow rates to change, based on who is being billed. AMR will find out more information about the reimbursement concerns and staff will ask for further legal advice. Follow-up will be on the November agenda for Ops.
- E. Exposure Control Plan – It turns out the Exposure Control Plan has been updated in the last couple of years. Miller-Todd asked the committee to not give attention to the plan included in the packet. There is a more current plan and it will be sent out with the minutes from this meeting (November packet). All Law Enforcement, EMS career employees and volunteers are covered through Providence St. Peter Hospital, per their policy revised December 2015.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Steve Romines Memorial – Steve's memorial service will be held on October 8th at 2:00 pm, at Mountain View in Lakewood. Steve's family encourages class A uniforms to be worn, and desserts are welcome. There will be 3 pieces to the service; first for Family, second for Pierce County, and third for Thurston County. Ben is coordinating the apparatus locations. Kurt will send out a final announcement this evening.
- B. Pre-Hospital Min/Max Review - Every two years WREMS requires Medic One to update min/max numbers. At this time Medic One does not recommend changing the numbers. (VanCamp/Flewelling) move to approve the recommendation by Medic One, and this carried. VanCamp recommends WREMS to update their district information as it is outdated. Olympic ambulance is planning to apply for an ALS interfacility transport license.
- C. MCI Promulgation – Chief LaVielle has asked for a letter of promulgation be added to the revised MCI plan. If the MCI committee approves the promulgation then it will come back to Ops for signing.

- ## VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER
- 1) No EMSC meeting in November.
 - 2) It was recently discovered by staff that price increases entered into the BLS supply inventory system, will increase the supply item retroactively to the beginning of the year. Staff has put into place a reconciliation process to ensure departments are not charged for price increases prior to the date of the actual increase.
 - 3) TCOMM preliminary budget for 2019 was approved yesterday and this is available for viewing on TCOMM's website.
 - 4) Beginning November 1st TCOMM is bringing on a new agency, Chehalis Tribal Police.
 - 5) Remodel is going good, on schedule and under budget.
 - 5) EMS Night at Providence St. Peter is October 11th.
 - 6) Next week CMC will recognize nurse's week. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and have a bite to eat.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - 3:26 PM.