

MEDIC ONE STAFF REORT – NOVEMBER 2020

ALS Update:

- It is with sadness that Medic One reports the deaths of Paramedic Jerry Warnock and Dr. Tom Fell. As founding members of the Medic One system in Thurston County, they were both instrumental in building the incredible EMS system that Thurston County has today. Thankfully, both were able to be transported back to their homes and families by a system that they knew and loved. We keep their families in our thoughts.
- ALS Contracts have been approved by the BoCC for all 3 ALS agencies.
- As cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Thurston County, and the Western Washington region, we need to be mindful of our day-to-day adherence to preventative measures. While we may all have mixed emotions about wearing masks, it has been repeatedly demonstrated, through scientific studies, to help control the transmission of COVID-19 through source containment.
- There are still supply chain constraints on PPE, but we are looking to build up a stockpile to make the PPE reserves more resilient going into the coming months.
- As Medic One searches for PPE from a variety of sources, what is issued through Alan and Medic One cache may look different from that which we have traditionally supplied (i.e. black gloves instead of blue).
- Paramedic hiring process took place at the end of October and will be reported in the December staff notes.
- Battelle has discontinued their Tacoma, WA N95 mask sterilization facility. They are, however, taking shipments of masks to their Eugene, OR facility free of charge. Medic One will start to ship masks to this facility starting in the 1st week in November.

BLS Update:

- The Fall 2020-2 EMT Course:
 - 26 students remain in the EMT Course.
 - There have been a few issues with internet bandwidth at some of the locations as well as some challenges with audio visual equipment. We are working diligently to resolve the issues.
 - Four Fire Stations are serving as satellite locations for practical skills training; West Thurston Regional Fire Authority Station 1-2, Yelm Station 21, South Bay Station 81 (now moved to Station 83) and McLane Station 95. Thank you to all these Fire Agencies for hosting EMT sessions.
 - Student/faculty screening, facial covering and decontamination procedures are followed during all class sessions.
 - We continue to evaluate the course as it progresses to identify strengths and weaknesses.
- OTEP

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- Training has resumed with social distancing and decontamination guidelines in place. Training with SGAs (supraglottic airways) has been led by Amy Johnson-Carpenter to ensure a consistent roll out of this new skill for EMTs.
- Training is working with TAC to develop a three-year training plan to include online and skill practice and evaluation.

CPR Update:

- Citizen CPR Classes resumed June 13th. Class sizes continue to be small to accommodate social distancing. Screening of class participants and decontamination guidelines remain in place.
- 1,404 citizens have been trained as of October 27th, 2020.