

THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ REGULAR MEETING
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

AGENDA

March 3, 2022, 2:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
 - II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Operations Committee February 3, 2022
 - B. EMS Council February 16, 2022 - (Informational Only)
 - V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. West Region EMS Council
 - B. Subcommittees
 - 1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Chair or Representative
 - 2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – Chair or Representative
 - 3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Chair or Representative
 - 4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) – Chair or Representative
 - 5. ePCR Committee – Chair or Representative
 - C. Staff Report - <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>
 - VI. OLD BUSINESS
- | ITEM | PRESENTER | EXPECTED OUTCOME |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| A. EMS Council Action Report | VanCamp | Information |
| B. 2022 BLS Funding worksheet | VanCamp/Miller-Todd | Information |
| C. OTEP Evaluator Process | Drewry | Approve |
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
- | ITEM | PRESENTER | EXPECTED OUTCOME |
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| A. Ambulance Ordinance Review | VanCamp | Discussion |
- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER
 - IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ~ MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL
February 6, 2022**

PRESENT: Brian VanCamp, Steve Brooks, Ciaran Keogh, Tony Kuzma, Wendy Hill, Russ Kaleiwahea, Mark John, Jeff DeHahn, Mindy Churchwell, Brian Hurley, Mark Gregory, Amy Larson, Wendy Rife

ABSENT: Larry Fontanilla

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Karen Weiss, Leonard Johnson, Monti Sorem, Michael Hughes, Chris Clem, Jennifer Schmidt, Corey Rux

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 2:00.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC – New Business, Item A, EMT Class Status; Item B, SEI Coordinator Position, Item C, 2022 BLS Funds, was added to the agenda. (DeHan/Gregory) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Operations Committee – January 6, 2022 – (Kaleiwahea/John) move to approve and this carried.
2. EMS Council – January 19, 2022 (Informational only)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **West Region EMS Council** – No meeting since the last Ops meeting.

B. **Subcommittees**

1. Equipment Committee (EqC) – Bush reported for Crimmins: 1) Epi 1:10000 are very difficult to get again. Alan is working on finding vendors. 2) We have plenty of PPE in stock at Medic One. 3) Medic One continues to order Antigen Tests. 4) Next meeting is scheduled for March 31st at 0930. 5) Moving forward, Lieutenant Rian Winter will be the Equipment Committee Chair.
2. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Committee – MCI Committee will meet February 4th to discuss the Active Shooter plan.
3. Training Advisory Committee (TAC) – Clem reported: 1) Lead evaluators for most departments were identified. 2) Job descriptions for evaluator and lead evaluator roles were finalized. 3) Proposed dates for the evaluator workshop are March 1 - 3.
4. Transportation Resource Utilization Committee (TRU) / Hospital Diversion – Brooks reported: TRU meets next week, discussing two significant problems; availability of transport units, and available beds at the receiving facilities. Miller-Todd added on to this and said Medic One does send out ambulance availability every 3 days, and the HPU is still running Mondays and Fridays thru the end of February and will most likely continue thru the end of March. Clem said Olympic Ambulance has had a good round of hiring over the past few weeks with 9 EMTs starting orientation next week, in addition to the 3 that started last week.
5. ePCR Committee – No meeting in January, next meeting is scheduled for February 16th at 0930.

C. **Staff Report** – Staff report is located on the website at – <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/m1/Pages/meetings.aspx>

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. EMS Council Action Report – VanCamp reported: 1) A WREMS report included a Health Information Exchange Workgroup that is working on electronic records keeping. 2) Discussion about the Rehab Without Walls organization, which deals with traumatic injuries to the brain and spine, closing some of their locations. 3) EMT reciprocity and lack of EMTs nationwide. 4) The number of open positions on the WREMS council. 5) An ALS Contraction Negotiations committee was appointed. 6) 2022 Ambulance applications were approved. 7) BLS Funding worksheet was shared. 8) A proposed Multi-Care emergency department in Lacey was discussed.

B. Nominations Committee – Chief Kaleiwahea presented for the Nominations Committee: There were no nominations, however the committee recommended the current Chair and Vice-Chair be placed on the floor for a vote. A call was placed on the floor for the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Medic One Ops Committee, and hearing none, a second call was placed, and hearing none, Kaleiwahea suggested placing Chair VanCamp and Vice-Chair Gregory for a vote. The bylaws state that voting takes place in March of each year. (Brooks/John) move to close the nominations, to suspend the bylaws and move forward today with moving the existing Chair and Vice-Chair for a vote, and this carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. EMT Class Status – Drewry reported: 2022 EMT classes will include on-line distributive type learning and in-person skill sessions. The one full week of skill sessions was very successful last year. A class schedule is planned to go out tomorrow, however the anticipated start date is March 12th, and Karen Weiss will be the lead SEI. District 9 has agreed to host the classes, at Station 95. Course applications will contain information on vaccinated/un-vaccinated protocols.
- B. SEI Coordinator Position – Medic One is recruiting for an SEI Coordinator position and information regarding this position was presented.
- C. 2022 BLS Funds – A draft copy of the 2022 BLS Support worksheet was emailed to the committee. This worksheet will be presented at the March Ops meeting.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Miller-Todd reminded the committee that the MPD issued an ask for a Protocol Committee.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – (Hurley/DeHan) move to adjourn at 2:26, and this carried.

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Virtual – Zoom Meeting
February 16, 2022**

PRESENT: Cindy Hambly, Liberty Hetzler, John Ricks, Margaret McPhee, Brian VanCamp, Paul Perz, Angela Jefferson, Sheila Fay, Lenny Greenstein, Gary Edwards, Harry Miller, Dontae Payne, Daniel Bivens

ABSENT: Wayne Fournier

EXCUSED: Larry Fontanilla, Stan Moon

GUESTS: Chris Clem, Mark Gregory, Brian Hurley

STAFF: Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Daphne Reaves, Anna Lee Drewry

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Vice-Chair Greenstein called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:30 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – (Hambly/Perz) move to approve the agenda, and this carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. EMS COUNCIL – January 19, 2022 (Edwards/Ricks) move to approve the minutes, and this carried.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – February 3, 2022 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) The committee nominated and voted for Chair VanCamp and Vice-Chair Gregory to remain as the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022. 2) EMT class will remain as hybrid for 2022. 3) Anna Lee Drewry presented information on the new SEI Coordinator position for Medic One. 4) A draft 2022 BLS funding worksheet was emailed to the committee members and will be presented at the March meeting.

B. **WEST REGION:** Perz reported: No new report, next meeting is March 1st.

C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is available on the website. [Thurston County | Medic One | Committee Meeting Information \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/committees/medic-one). Miller-Todd highlighted on the following: 1) ePCR committee meets every other month, on even months. TRU committee meets every month, on the second Thursday. 2) Medic One is currently recruiting for an SEI Coordinator, ALS Training Coordinator, and a Quality Improvement Coordinator. If the council knows of any good candidates for these positions, please direct them to the County website.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Nominations Committee – Fay reported: The only nominations are for Stan Moon to remain as Chair, and Lenny Greenstein to remain as Vice-Chair. Voting will take place in March.

B. 2022 BLS Funding Worksheet – Miller-Todd presented a 2022 BLS budget overview, which included an increase in BLS support. Miller-Todd asked the council to approve an increase in the financial support base amount, from \$17,275 to \$20,000 and an increase in the supplies & equipment base amount, from \$9,750 to \$10,000. (Ricks/Edwards) move to approve and this carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. WREMS Applications – Staff received Regional EMS and Trauma Care Council membership applications from Lenny Greenstein, Wendy Hill (dispatch rep), and Deputy Chief Todd Carson with OFD (Emergency Management rep). (Perz/Edwards) move to approve the application for Lenny Greenstein, and this carried. (McPhee/Edwards) move to approve the application for Wendy Hill, and this carried. (McPhee/Edwards) move to approve the application for Deputy Chief Todd Carson, and this carried.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 3:48.

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2021 EMS CALL DATA			BLS DIRECT SUPPORT							SYSTEM SUPPORT & COORDINATION					I.T. SUPPORT	TRAINING SUPPORT			AGENCY TOTALS ALL BLS SUPPORT		SYSTEM DATA				
Agency	Run Volume	% of Volume	FINANCIAL SUPPORT				SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT			MISC	\$116,149	\$0	\$71,441	\$ 437,939	\$625,529	\$ 382,940	\$ 479,312.92	\$ 425,051	\$904,364	\$3,273,861		\$ 13,182,587	\$16,456,448		
			Budgeted: \$550,922				Budgeted: \$614,407			\$195,700	BLS Other	Vehicle Surplus	CPR/PIE Program	Admin Support	Agency Total					BLS Agency Total	Agency % of Total		ALS SUPPORT		System total all programs by Agency
			*Base Amount	\$7.79 Per Call	\$0.43 MCT/Call	Agency Total	*Base Amount	\$13.07 Per Call	Agency Total	Agency Total													ALS Run Volume	\$1,294 Per Call	
1/11 WTRFA	2,708	7.16%	\$20,000	\$21,108	\$1,152	\$42,260	\$10,000	\$35,397	\$45,397	\$14,011	\$8,316	\$0	\$5,115	\$31,354	\$44,785	\$27,416	\$61,847	\$52,500	\$114,347	\$246,789	9.16%	790	\$1,022,107	\$1,310,323	
2 /4 SET	3,399	8.99%	\$20,000	\$26,494	\$1,446	\$47,941	\$10,000	\$44,429	\$54,429	\$17,586	\$10,438	\$0	\$6,420	\$39,355	\$56,212	\$34,412	\$61,847	\$38,366	\$100,212	\$258,794	9.60%	1,090	\$1,410,248	\$1,721,041	
3 - Lacey	12,906	34.12%	\$20,000	\$100,599	\$5,491	\$126,090	\$10,000	\$168,698	\$178,698	\$66,775	\$39,631	\$0	\$24,377	\$149,430	\$213,438	\$130,664	\$0	\$80,770	\$80,770	\$598,995	22.22%	3,438	\$4,448,104	\$5,244,538	
6 - E Olympia	925	2.45%	\$20,000	\$7,210	\$394	\$27,604	\$10,000	\$12,091	\$22,091	\$4,786	\$2,840	\$0	\$1,747	\$10,710	\$15,298	\$9,365	\$30,923	\$27,260	\$58,183	\$123,175	4.57%	273	\$353,209	\$490,535	
8 - South Bay	808	2.14%	\$20,000	\$6,298	\$344	\$26,642	\$10,000	\$10,562	\$20,562	\$4,181	\$2,481	\$0	\$1,526	\$9,355	\$13,363	\$8,180	\$123,694	\$39,375	\$163,069	\$223,635	8.30%	229	\$296,282	\$532,278	
9 - McLane Black Lak	1,275	3.37%	\$20,000	\$9,938	\$542	\$30,481	\$10,000	\$16,666	\$26,666	\$6,597	\$3,915	\$0	\$2,408	\$14,762	\$21,086	\$12,908	\$30,923	\$34,327	\$65,251	\$143,483	5.32%	325	\$420,487	\$583,475	
12 - STFEMS	831	2.20%	\$20,000	\$6,477	\$354	\$26,831	\$10,000	\$10,862	\$20,862	\$4,300	\$2,552	\$0	\$1,570	\$9,622	\$13,743	\$8,413	\$0	\$24,231	\$24,231	\$85,667	3.18%	249	\$322,158	\$420,538	
13 - Griffin	390	1.03%	\$20,000	\$3,040	\$166	\$23,206	\$10,000	\$5,098	\$15,098	\$2,018	\$1,198	\$0	\$737	\$4,516	\$6,450	\$3,948	\$92,770	\$15,144	\$107,915	\$152,668	5.66%	110	\$142,319	\$300,953	
17 - Bald Hills	343	0.91%	\$20,000	\$2,674	\$146	\$22,820	\$10,000	\$4,483	\$14,483	\$1,775	\$1,053	\$0	\$648	\$3,971	\$5,672	\$3,473	\$46,385	\$15,144	\$61,529	\$104,505	3.88%	126	\$163,020	\$272,772	
Bucoda	80	0.21%	\$20,000	\$624	\$34	\$20,658	\$10,000	\$1,046	\$11,046	\$414	\$246	\$0	\$151	\$926	\$1,323	\$810	\$0	\$5,048	\$5,048	\$38,074	1.41%	21	\$27,170	\$66,468	
Olympia	10,356	27.38%	\$20,000	\$80,723	\$4,406	\$105,129	\$10,000	\$135,366	\$145,366	\$53,582	\$31,801	\$0	\$19,560	\$119,905	\$171,266	\$104,847	\$0	\$62,597	\$62,597	\$484,357	17.97%	2,602	\$3,366,483	\$4,009,268	
Tumwater	3,803	10.05%	\$20,000	\$29,643	\$1,618	\$51,262	\$10,000	\$49,710	\$59,710	\$19,677	\$11,678	\$0	\$7,183	\$44,032	\$62,894	\$38,503	\$30,923	\$30,289	\$61,212	\$235,077	8.72%	936	\$1,211,002	\$1,504,258	
	37,824	100%	\$240,000	\$294,829	\$16,093	\$550,922	\$120,000	\$494,407	\$614,407	\$195,700	\$116,149	\$0	\$71,441	\$437,939	\$625,529	\$382,940	\$479,313	\$425,051	\$904,364	\$2,695,222	100%	10,189	\$13,182,587	\$16,456,448	

2022 NOTES:
I.T. has a separate budget - no longer in 489 and 429 Data Systems

\$250,000 increase in BLS support:

- *January 2022 - financial support base amount increased from \$17,275 to \$20,000
- *January 2022 - supplies & equipment base amount increased from \$9,750 to \$10,000
- \$108,000 in modem cellular connection support
- *Training support remains draft as of February 2022

Chapter 6.16 - AMBULANCES

Sections:

6.16.010 - Definitions.

- A. "Ambulance" means any private vehicle that is especially designed, constructed, equipped, maintained or used for the transportation of patients which is operated as part of an ambulance service for hire.
- B. "Ambulance service" means any business involving ownership, operation, management or maintenance of any ambulance within Thurston County.
- C. "Medic One personnel" means any person who is acting on behalf of a fire department, regional fire authority, or a fire district and who has been certified as a paramedic, emergency medical technician, first responder, or advanced first aider.
- D. "Medical transport officer" means emergency response person who is responsible for patient transports.
- E. "Operations committee" means the operations committee of the emergency medical services council.
- F. "Patient" means an individual who is sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.
- G. "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, group of individuals acting together for a common purpose, or organization of any kind, including any governmental agency other than the United States.

(Ord. 10091 § 1, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

(Ord. No. [15505](#), 8-29-2017)

6.16.020 - License required.

- A. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, no person shall operate an ambulance or ambulance service within unincorporated Thurston County, unless licensed to do so by Thurston County.
- B. No such license shall be issued unless:
 - 1. The application has fulfilled all applicable requirements of the laws of the state of Washington, including but not limited to Chapters 18.73 and 70.168 RCW and Chapter 246-976 WAC, as those chapters currently exist or are hereafter amended;
 - 2. The applicant has met all the requirements of this chapter, including standards and regulations recommended by the EMS Council and approved by the board of commissioners pursuant to this chapter.
- C. A license is not required for ambulances entering Thurston County solely for the purpose of transporting patients from Thurston County to a medical facility outside of Thurston County, or for ambulance service rendered during a disaster when determined by the Medical Transport Officer to be necessary to a specific incident.
- D. Each license shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.
- E. This chapter shall not be construed to preclude any city's requirement for a business license.

(Ord. 11941 § 1, 1999: Ord. 10091 § 2, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.030 - License application and reapplication.

All applications to operate an ambulance or ambulance service shall be submitted with a one hundred dollar application fee to the Medic One office, 2703 Pacific Avenue SE, Suite C, Olympia, Washington, on forms provided by the Medic One office. If all requirements of this chapter and all standards and regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter have been met, the license application shall be approved by the board of county commissioners upon recommendation of the ~~EMSC operations committee~~ and the auditor shall issue the license. The application shall, at a minimum, contain the following information:

- A. Name, home address and telephone number of the applicant;
- B. Business name under which the ambulance service will be operated within the county, together with business address and telephone number;
- C. If the ambulance service is a corporation, the name and address of the officers and directors of such corporation, and in case of a partnership, the name and address of each general or limited partner;
- D. A description of each ambulance, including the make, model, year of manufacture, VIN number, together with current state license number; and the color scheme, insignia, name, monogram or other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate applicant's ambulance;
- E. The location(s) from which the ambulance service is intended to operate and the number of licensed medical attendants to be initially employed;
- F. List of current employees and evidence of emergency medical technician certification, for such employees, including the certification expiration date. The list shall be updated in writing quarterly and filed with the operations committee;
- G. Any changes in the information provided on the current application shall be submitted in writing to the Medic One office within ten working days of the changes;
- H. Application for renewal of licenses must be submitted with a fee of one hundred dollars by January 31st of each year;
- I. The operations committee shall have sixty days from the date of receipt to reject renewal applicants. Those applications not rejected within the sixty-day period shall be automatically renewed. The Operations Committee Chair shall ~~provide recommendations to the EMSC, inform the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) on all applications for informational purposes.~~

(Ord. 11941 § 2, 1999; Ord. 10091 § 3, 1992; Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

(Ord. No. [15505](#), 8-29-2017)

6.16.040 - Insurance.

- A. No ambulance service shall be issued a license until the operator has submitted to the operations committee a certificate of insurance for automobile liability insurance in a minimum amount of two million dollars and professional insurance in a minimum amount of one million dollars issued by an insurance company approved by the county. The insurer shall be a company licensed to do business in the state.
- B. Said insurance certificate shall be submitted to the operations committee approval prior to the issuance of each ambulance license. Satisfactory evidence that such insurance is at all times in full force and effect shall be furnished to the operations committee, in such form as may be specified, by all licensees required to provide such insurance under the terms of this chapter.
- C. Every insurance policy required under this section shall contain a provision for continuing liability thereunder to the full amount thereof, notwithstanding any recovery thereon, that the liability of the

insurer shall not be affected by the insolvency or the bankruptcy of the insured, and that, until the policy is revoked, the insurance company will not be relieved from liability on account of nonpayment of premium, failure to renew license at the end of the year, or any other act or omission of the name insured.

- D. Every insurance policy required under this section shall extend for the period to be covered by the license applied for, and the insurer shall be obliged to give not less than thirty days' written notice to the operations committee and to the insured before any cancellation or termination of the policy earlier than its expiration date, and the cancellation or other termination of any such policy shall automatically revoke and terminate any license issued for the ambulances covered by such policy, unless a substitute insurance policy complying with the provisions of this section shall be provided and be in effect at or prior to the time of such cancellation or termination.

(Ord. 10091 § 4, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.050 - Filing of ambulance rates required.

- A. Each ambulance service licensed under this chapter shall, upon filing an application for licensure, file with the Medic One office its schedule of rates to be charged for its services, for the duration of the calendar year in which the license is to be issued. Thereafter, each ambulance service licensed under this chapter shall annually file with the Medic One office its schedule of rates to be charged for its services. Said annual rates schedule shall be filed on or before the first day of December of the year preceding the year for which the schedule is to be in effect. The schedules of rates shall be a matter of public record and open to public inspection in the Medic One office during normal business hours. Any revision during the calendar year shall be filed with the Medic One office at least thirty days prior to the rate change becoming effective. Any revisions filed with the Medic One office shall be open to public inspection.
- B. It is unlawful for any ambulance service, including any of its agents or employees, to charge, demand, collect or receive any greater rate of fare than those posted with the county Medic One office. It is unlawful for any ambulance service to charge for any service, equipment or supplies not provided by the ambulance service to the patient.
- C. It is unlawful for any ambulance service to transport a patient without advising the patient or person authorizing the transport, in advance of the transport, that they will be billed for transport services according to the rate schedule. A patient may be transported without said advisement only in circumstances when the delay in obtaining the authorization would be detrimental to the emergency care of the patient.
- D. In the rare circumstance where a Medic One Paramedic accompanies a patient on the private ambulance transport unit due to emergency circumstances, the private ambulance company shall bill Medic One according to their respective published rate schedules. Medic One will set their reimbursement rate schedule according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rate schedule and shall publish this no later than January 1st of each year. No additional fee, charge, or other cost shall be submitted to the patient or their health care provider.

(Ord. 11941 § 3, 1999: Ord. 10091 § 5, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.055 - Ambulance color scheme restrictions.

- A. The color scheme used by ambulance vehicles must be a color or color combination different than the color schemes reserved for Thurston County Medic One vehicles. The color schemes reserved for the exclusive use by Thurston County Medic One vehicles shall be: red vehicle and/or patient compartment with white or any color stripes(s) and/or white or any color lettering/graphics. No

lettering with the words Medic One, medic, Thurston County or fire department are allowed. No Medic One unique markings or logos are allowed.

- B. No change in ambulance color scheme or company identifying features will be allowed for the duration of the license. A change in the color scheme or company identifying features will require Notification to the Operations Committee.

(Ord. 11941 § 4, 1999)

6.16.060 - License revocation.

- A. The Board of Thurston County commissioners may suspend or revoke any license issued under this chapter for failure of the licensee to comply with, or for the violation of, any provision, standard or requirement of this chapter or for any regulations promulgated hereunder. Prior to any such suspension or revocation, the board shall notify the licensee, in writing, of the intended action and of the opportunity to request a hearing concerning the proposed action within ten working days from the date of the notice. If a hearing is requested in writing by the licensee within said period, the proposed action shall not be taken, if at all, until after completion of the hearing.
- B. Any ambulance service may appeal to the board of county commissioners for review of the findings. Such appeal must be in writing and must be filed with the board of county commissioners within ten days of the license suspension or revocation shall be stayed until such time as the board has reviewed the findings and entered its decision. The stay shall not affect subsequent suspensions or revocations for subsequent violations.

(Ord. 10091 § 6, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.070 - Recordkeeping.

Each licensee shall maintain complete and accurate records, which shall include information regarding requests for services and transportation of each patient within the county by the licensee. All such records shall be available for inspection at the Medic One office at all reasonable times.

(Ord. 10091 § 7, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.080 - Availability of equipment and personnel.

Each licensee under this chapter shall maintain a minimum of two ambulances, at least one of which is staffed on a twenty-four hour basis.

(Ord. 10091 § 8, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.085 - Ambulance personnel uniforms and identification.

It is unlawful for ambulance personnel to wear public agency uniforms while on duty for private ambulance companies. It is unlawful for private ambulance personnel to wear uniforms lettered with the words Medic One, medic, Thurston County or fire department. Personnel will identify themselves to the patient or person authorizing transport as personnel of the ambulance company they represent.

(Ord. 11941 § 5, 1999)

6.16.090 - Inspections.

- A. An authorized representative of the county may conduct an inspection of a licensee upon the receipt of any complaint about said licensee. In addition to the inspections identified above, an authorized representative of the county may, during normal business hours, inspect the records, equipment and accessories of any licensee hereunder.
- B. Each licensee shall pay an inspection fee in the amount specified annually by the board of county commissioners for each inspection prompted by a complaint; provided, however, that no such inspection fee shall be paid if the board of county commissioners determines that the complaint was unwarranted or without substantial merit. All inspection fees shall be due and payable within ten days of the date of the inspection.

(Ord. 10091 § 9, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.100 - Medic One—Ambulance dispatch.

- A. In order to provide optimum patient care in Thurston County and release Medic One aid cars to respond to other emergency calls, when needed, the ambulance service whose base station or branch office is located nearest the incident may be called by Thurston County central dispatch as determined by Medic One personnel at the scene. If central dispatch is unable to contact an ambulance service or an ambulance service cannot respond immediately, then the next nearest ambulance service may be contacted. This referral service does not preclude a patient from requesting that a specific ambulance service be dispatched.
- B. This referral service does not prevent a fire district or city from contracting with a private ambulance service from transportation exclusively in their jurisdiction.
- C. No effort shall be made by the licensee to assume the custody of a patient before release of custody has been made by Medic One personnel in charge at the scene.

(Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.110 - Operations committee.

- A. The operations committee shall act as an advisory committee to the Thurston County Emergency Medical Services council and Board of County Commissioners regarding the administration of this chapter.
- B. The operations committee shall meet ~~at least semi~~annually to review and recommend amendments to this chapter to the board of county commissioners. The operations committee will meet with all Thurston County licensed ambulance companies regarding any proposed amendments. The committee may recommend new or different equipment to be required of ambulance services.

(Ord. 10091 § 10, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

(Ord. No. [15505](#), 8-29-2017)

6.16.120 - Violation—Penalty.

- A. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or attempt to operate an ambulance or ambulance service without first complying with the provisions of this chapter, including all standards and regulations adopted by Thurston County pursuant to this chapter. Any person, firm or corporation convicted of violating any provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars. Each day during which any person, firm or corporation is in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a separate violation.

- B. According to established administrative procedures, the operations committee, who has solicited a quorum vote, may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting an ambulance service from operation within Thurston County, or such other order as deemed appropriate, determined by the circumstances of the violation(s).

(Ord. 10091 § 11, 1992: Ord. 7928 § 1 (part), 1984)

6.16.130 - Variances.

- A. The operations committee shall have the authority to grant variances from the provisions of these rules and regulations, when in the opinion of the operations committee, the criteria set forth in subsection B of this section have been found to exist. In such cases, a variance may be granted which is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the ambulance ordinance and the public health, safety and welfare is secured. Variances may be granted for a period of no more than one year.
- B. Before any variance may be granted, it shall be shown:
 - 1. There are special circumstances applicable to the provider or the geographic area served that do not apply generally to other providers or geographic areas;
 - 2. That the literal interpretation of the ambulance ordinance would be detrimental to the public health, safety, and/or welfare;
 - 3. That the proposed variance will not be inconsistent with the general purpose and intent of the ambulance ordinance;
 - 4. The applicant shall have the burden of proving the above specified criteria and the lack of opposition to the request shall not negate this requirement.
- C. Requests for variances shall be made to the operations committee in writing. Any appeals from decisions of the operations committee shall be made in writing to the board of county commissioners within ten days of the decision.

(Ord. 10091 § 12, 1992)