

MEDIC ONE STAFF REPORT – FEBRUARY 2023

ADMIN and ALS Update:

- The ALS Program Manager position is vacant as of 1/30/2023. The position will be posted immediately, and Medic One will update committees with the job posting for dispersal to any interested applicants.
- Medic One's paramedic hiring process dates have been established for March. The dates of the testing will be 3/29-30/2023 and will be hosted at Medic One. We will send the application out to all committees for dispersal to any interested paramedics.
- Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) is currently being trained with a select group of paramedic providers throughout all 3 contracting agencies.
- The ALS Workgroup is undergoing a review of Medic Unit utilization in Thurston County. They have met twice in January, are scheduled to meet twice in February, and will plan to meet up to two more times in March.
- The MPD's PCR Policy was reviewed during a listening session with a variety of stakeholders from the Operations Committee. The feedback provided by these stakeholders is currently under review and consideration by the MPD and Medic One staff.
- The BLS Funding Review Workgroup (joint workgroup between EMS Council and Operations Committee) is in the process of being established by the respective chairs of each committee. The workgroup will be made up of 3 committee members each and both chairs for a total of 8 committee members. Medic One staff will also support the review of BLS funding in Thurston County.
- The ALS Training Coordinator and Quality Improvement Coordinator are active job postings. Please point anyone that may be interested toward our job postings located at:
 - [ALS Training Coordinator](#)
 - [Quality Improvement Coordinator](#)

BLS Update:

- The Breezeway EMT program at PSPH has been running smoothly and is scheduled to continue at least through February.
 - We have seen a decrease in ambulance turnaround times as a result of this staffing.
- EMS Evaluator workshop was successful – we had 67 evaluators successfully complete the workshop.
- We have an upcoming Cardiac Arrest Review Instructor workshop on Feb 21. This will be a good stepping stone into training for newer EMTs and will increase availability of the quarterly CPR reviews for the agencies.
- Planning for the Spring EMT Class is underway. It will start on March 6th and be held at McLane/Black Lake Station 95.
- Tom Sexton with West Thurston Regional Fire Authority successfully completed his Senior EMS Instructor (SEI) process during the fall EMT course and his application has been submitted to the state. This is a difficult certification to obtain and growing the SEI group will help us continue to have the ability to deliver high-quality EMT classes.
- OTEP 2023 will be released in early February. This will be facilitated through Lexipol, which is the new online training platform that was evaluated by the Training Advisory Committee.

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- The updated EMS protocols are live on the Medic One website and the protocol phone app.
 - The substantive change for BLS is the addition of iGels, which will help BLS providers manage the airway of critical patients
- In conjunction with the protocol update, iGels will be distributed to all agencies in the county in February.
 - Refresher training will be offered through Medic One and individual agencies for all BLS providers as part of this rollout.

CPR Update:

- A final total of 3,146 Thurston County Residents were trained in Hands Only CPR in 2022. We currently have 336 trained so far in 2023, with 17 classes coming up in February and 13 so far in March. Our Training Team is working to create additional opportunities as we move forward.

IT Update:

- The way Patient Dispositions in ESO are done will be changing in the future, Medic One is currently assessing the impact and creating training in anticipation of this change. This change is a part of the NEMSIS 3.5 data standard.
- Supply chain on many items has started to ease, however, due to economic factors regarding inflation and transportation costs, prices have been driven 10-35% higher over the past several months.
- Tumwater and Olympia Medic Units have had their cell phones upgraded to iPhones. Lacey Medic Units are upcoming.