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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
Jan 8, 2018

PRESENT: Duncan McLane, President, WCFD #11
Erica Littlewood, Secretary, Mt Baker Ski Patrol
Jerry DeBruin, Education Chair, WCFD #14
Gene Bell, Treasurer, Consumer
Gary Baar, Lynden
Chad Baar, Lynden
Ben Boyko, WCFD #7
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD #17
Marc David, Lynden
Kris Jorgensen, NWFRS
Denise Christensen, WCFD #14
Jessie King, Summit to Sound
Janice Lapsansky, CQI
Josh Morell, SWFA
James Ochoa, BP
Jim Petrie, WCFD #17
Becky Stermer, PeaceHealth
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Rod Topel, SWFA,
Therese Williams, BTC
Marv Wayne, MPD
Emily Junck, BFD, Guest
Martina Nicholas, NREMSTCC, Guest
Mannix McDonnell, BFD, Guest
Omar Mejia, WCFD #18, Guest
Andrea Doll, Operations Manager

CALL TO ORDER: President Duncan McLane called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at Station 31 to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Oct 2017 minutes, stand as written

PowerPoint presentation by Erica Littlewood on (ASHI) American Safety and Health Institute and American Heart Association (AHA).

ASHI is less expensive than AHA and does not require use of a training DVD or feedback devices on manikins. The cost is around \$100.00 to apply as training program and \$140 for a set of teaching materials (only one set is required).

Sample books are on ASHI website.
Jerry and Education committee will discuss further.

REPORTS:

Executive:

No Executive board meeting was held.

Finance: \$294,000 available funds, \$149,000 restricted funds. About \$2,600 profit and \$15,000 increase in investment funds for 2017.

Education:

The protocols have been distributed and the protocol quiz has been approved by Dr. Wayne.

Need a plan to implement i-gel training.

Agencies are working on GEMT.

CQI:

The CQI committee met Jan 4th.

The new Co-chair is Josh Morell, Secretary is Janice Lapsansky, and Kris Jorgensen is co-coordinator.

Goals for 2018 are to increase the number of case reviews. Reviews will alternate between medical and trauma.

Epi and Narcan reporting has been removed from the website.

Chief Baar reported on an exposure, where blood was exchanged and no HIV testing was done.

Need to get medical records number rather than a name.

The next CQI meeting will be held April 5th.

Regional Council: When BLS providers cancel ALS, they need to contact medics with full report to code green them. Must report APS and CPS cases directly to APS or CPS. Use online reporting.

Approved grant for \$10,000 for supraglottic training and switch to i-gels.

Skagit FD14 application was approved.

HB1721- alternative destinations-Send to Marv for approval.

Although Snohomish County is sharing their information, they suggest Whatcom County wait until they are finished refining the state curriculum.

N Region Strategic Planning Conference will be held Jan 31st, at the Swinomish Casino.

MPD: Will have EMS administrator at the county level soon

Injury Prevention:

No teen heart screen events are scheduled.

Distracted driving event scheduled for spring

Safe Kids Fair is June 2nd; Safe Kids Northwest Tulip Pedal, April 21; Splashtacular Safe Kids Event in Anacortes, July.

Erica has free snow sports helmets purchased with a Grant from PSE.

TAB:

There were 3 interviewees for administrator. Mike Healy is still interested and will be meeting Jan 9th.

The ImageTrend contract will be signed by the county in February.

Bellingham went live today with ImageTrend. Will meet with techs on 17th.

Hospital-

Today was the first day for the new trauma medical director, Dr. Robert Rush. He is a retired Colonel from Army Madigan Medical Center.

There will be an increase in trauma activation drills.

Unfinished Business:

Training Program application will be mailed this week.

Take Heart America Grant: prevention thru rehabilitation. Local county monies are also being looked at, to go along with the grant. Do businesses have CPR and AED training?

City employees all have CPR training?

The president and 2nd vice president positions are up for election this year.

Erica will head up the nominating committee. Jerry has volunteered. Need at least two more people on the committee.

New Business

The council would like to have a database of all responder's email addresses. Please have agencies send responder email list to Andrea at the council office.

Andrea@whatcomcountyems.com

Membership application for Kris Jorgensen approved.

Good of the order:

Marty Martin funeral rotary building fairgrounds 10am Friday.

PulsePoint push

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:10pm