

WHATCOM COUNTY EMS/TC COUNCIL

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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 10, 2017

PRESENT:

Gary Baar, Lynden

Duncan McLane, President, WCFD #11

Erica Work, Secretary, Mt Baker Ski Patrol

Gene Bell, Treasurer

Jerry DeBruin, Education Chair, WCFD #14

Mel Blankers, WCFD #1

Greg Macy, WCFD #1,

Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #7

Ben Boyko, WCFD #7

Matt Cook, WCFD #16

Jennifer Keim, PeaceHealth

Rob Kintzele, WCFD #8,

Justin Thompson, WCFD #8

Denise Christensen, WCFD #14

Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD #17

Therese Williams, BTC

Randy VanderHeiden, BFD

James Ochoa, BP

Rod Topel, SWFA,

Socorro Ruiz, WCFD #18

Andrea Doll, Operations Manager

Guest, Martina Nicolas, NREMSTCC

Guest Joe Noonchester, NWFR

ABSENT:

Jerry Peterson, WCFD #16

Bill Pernet, NWFRS

Chris Carleton, WCFD #5

Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance

Jim White, Border Patrol

Scott Crowe, WCFD #18

John Granger, Airlift NW

Josh Morell, SWFA

Scott Farlow, WCFD #18

Dan Ohms, WCFD #11

William Pernet, NWFRS

Jerry Peterson, WCFD #16

Jim Petrie WCFD #17

Becky Stermer, PeaceHealth

CALL TO ORDER: President Duncan McLane called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at Station 12, to order at 7:07 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 2017 General meeting were approved as submitted.

REPORTS:

North Region: North Region EMSTCC will have a new Regional plan in May. Min/max numbers for Whatcom County need to be submitted before May 17th.

A Symposium on gun safety and response will take place on May 18th. A panel of responders from the Marysville/Pilchuck school shooting and the Burlington Mall shooting will be present. The focus will be on Injury prevention and gun safety.

The regional retreat will be held Jan 4th and 5th, 2018

The fundraiser for Safe Kids Northwest, the annual Tulip Pedal bike ride, is this Saturday at LaConnor Elementary School from 7:00- 4:00 pm.

There are open positions for Whatcom County representation on North Region EMSTC Council.

Executive:

A Budget was drafted.

The council is switching to PayChex from SOS for payroll.

Council is applying to become an EMS training program.

Please encourage people to serve on committees.

Finance:

The council has \$309,000 cash and \$149,000 in investments.

Federal Taxes are done, they just need to be reviewed and submitted. Council is adding budget to quarterly report.

Education:

All districts are trained in ResQPump.

Football protocols should be ready before fall.

CQI:

ResQPumps are having problems with suction. Be sure to loosen grip, bring towel to dry off chest, and don't pull up too hard. Use pads to stay over chest and stay vertical. Reps have offered to provide ResQPads. Need to request 120 pads.

Need to work on better communication between responders and hospital-emphasis on solid verbal handoff and using white board.

ER trying to improve stroke response.

Look at BLS protocol for amputation

Scott has been in the position of co-chair for a year. CQI committee needs new members.

Injury Prevention:

Kid's safety fair will be held on June 3rd in the Barkley Cinema parking lot and will be starting an hour earlier this year. Teamsters are bringing trucks and will teach about blind spots and encourage kids to be careful around trucks.

Goal is to beat the 1000 attendees from last year.

Team heart screen: 194 kids screened/ 4 kids referred to specialist. Fall event may take place in Ferndale or Bellingham.

PeaceHealth was at Blaine and Meridian with beer goggles and will be at the Back to School fair in August.

Free Gun locks event in Skagit this month in Mt Vernon. Would like to have one in Whatcom County.

NWFRS will be having a Mock DUI in Blaine on Wednesday 12th. North Region has injury prevention funding grant up to \$1000. Application is on their website.

TAB: interviews will be held Monday for administrator. April 26th is the meet and greet.

Hospital- PeaceHealth requests full BLS reports. If you are having issues handing off let Jennifer or Becky know. The information needs to be added within 24 hours. Written reports can be faxed.

Unfinished business:

The Chuckanut Health Foundation Grant was submitted on time. The council should hear a decision in the next few months.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget was approved by the executive board. There will be quarterly updates.

Elections

No floor nominations for positions of Secretary and 1st V.P.
Erica Work was re-elected for Secretary and Denise Christenson was re-elected for 1st V.P.

Applications for membership

Ben motioned/Therese seconded a motion for approval of membership applications for Chad Baar, Gary Baar and Janice Lapsansky. All applications approved for membership.

North Region Grant- 2017-18 July community based training grant has no limit. The deadline for applications is Sept 30th. Need for July general meeting.

County EPCR

No volunteers

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:01 pm.