

WHATCOM COUNTY EMS/TC COUNCIL
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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2017

PRESENT: Duncan McLane, 1st V.P., Conference Chair, WCFD #11
Erica Work, Secretary, Mt Baker Ski Patrol
Gary Baar, Consumer
Jerry DeBruin, Education Chair, WCFD #14
Mel Blankers, WCFD #1
Ben Boyko, WCFD #7
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Scott Farlow, BFD
Becky Stermer, PeaceHealth
Denise Christensen, WCFD #14
Socorro Ruiz, WCFD #18
Randy VanderHeiden, BFD
Scott Crowe, WCFD #18
Josh Morell, SWFA
Rod Topel, SWFA,
Brian Prince, Airlift NW, Guest
Therese Williams, BTC
Andrea Doll, Operations Manager
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #7
Greg Macy, WCFD #1
Rob Kintzele, WCFD #8

ABSENT:
Jerry Peterson, WCFD #16
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD #17
Christopher Carleton, WCFD #5
Christina Tersakian, WCFD #5
Bill Hewett, WCFD #8
Dan Ohms, WCFD #11
Bill Pernet, NWFRS
Mel Blankers, WCFD #1
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Jim White, Border Patrol

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 7:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 2017 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region: no report

Executive:

No e-board meeting was held

Finance: no report

Education:

Every 3 years to stay current on evaluator status.

Train quarterly on ResQPump to stay up on skills. Eventually there will be a chest pad the pump will stick onto. Report any problems with the pump to Janice.

Curriculum is to be attached when doing skills part of OTEP.

CQI: No co-chair yet; Scott will stay through the end of the year.

No change to BLS protocol regarding tourniquet and pain management: Don't want to delay transport due to pain management.

Reminder to LE to notify ME if someone has died in field.

Shed-painting done today. Need 3-4 people max to help build shed.

Update practice form for CPR online.

Regional Council: Next meeting will be held on July 13th. North Region Grant ideas: District 7 needs manikins that are compatible with king tube or i-gel. Send other ideas for the grant to the education committee.

MPD: (Josh M.)

Many EMT's don't have the Superglottic airway certification that should be attached to EMT certification.

Dr. Wayne wants to change to i-gel due to the fact that it is just as secure if not better than king tube and 40% faster incubation on average. i-gel is also less expensive.

Need to look into cost of training and submitting rosters to the state to get certificate.

There is a potential for buyback of king tubes.

A suggestion was made to continue using king tubes until they expire and slowly transition to i-gel.

Injury Prevention: teen heart screen will be held at the end of the year and in the spring. Friday harbor is interested in hosting one in the fall and Ferndale is interested in holding one in the spring.

There were 1200 attendees and 25 exhibitors at the June 3rd Safety fair held at Bellis Fair Mall.

Next year the Safety Fair will be held on June 2nd 2018.

TAB: next meeting is on Wednesday.

Mannox McDonnell is new MSO.

ePCR funding was approved.

Hospital- The emergency management and disaster prevention committee is looking for new safety manager. Brian Wilson and Becky have formed a subcommittee with clinical folks for clinical disaster and emergency preparedness.

PeaceHealth will participate at the Airport drill in Sept.

There was an ImageTrend demo in June. Bellingham will be a leader among PeaceHealth hospitals in implementing ImageTrend. (Sanjay Runghani is PeaceHealth contact)

Try radios instead of phone before sept.

Unfinished business:

Council is expected to hear from the Chuckanut Health Foundation Grant near the end of August. The Foundation is unable to provide full matching funds and will reach out to St. Joseph's Foundation for the extra funding.

Erica and Ben are co-chairs for Injury Prevention.

All in favor of approving applications from Marc Davis, Lynden and Joe Noonchester, NWFR, for general council membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

North Region grant: education committee can work on grant. Manikins/i-gel training.

Superglottic certification covers both king tube and i-gel.

Need estimate of people not documented.

SEI needs to train

Good of the order:

PR push for PulsePoint

Scott donated stipend to purchase components of shed.

Airlift Northwest is now carrying blood.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.