

WHATCOM COUNTY EMS/TC COUNCIL
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 21, 2016

PRESENT: Jerry DeBruin, WCFD #14, Chair; Gary Baar, Lynden; Ben Boyko, WCFD #7; Duncan McLane, WCFD #11; Ryan Provencher, BFD; Daniel Griffith, Border Patrol; James Ochoa, BP, Keri Snodgrass, EMS council

ABSENT: Mel Blankers, WCFD #1; Christopher Carleton, WCFD #5; ; Jamie Watts, WCFD #8; Scott Crowe, WCFD #18; Joe Noonchester, NWFRS; Jeff Hofstad, NWFRS; Therese Williams, BTC; Rod Topel, SWFR; Matt Cook, WCFD #16;

CALL TO ORDER: J.DeBruin called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Education Committee to order at 1:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March meeting were approved with a spelling correction.

REPORTS:

North Region: Ben will be attending tomorrow's meeting. The committee is hoping that Becky Stermer will become involved, but she is out of town this week. He will bring up the need of an individual lap top for each heart screen monitor with the idea that the North Region will purchase. The last teen heart screen at Bellingham High School was canceled due to late issuance of parental consent forms.

Funding: The North Region grants may be coming up soon. We will ask for the computers to go with the heart monitors.

Training officers: Violent incident response plan as approved by OPS. A four phase training plan has been developed. Phase 1- reviewing in house, phase 2 - regional tabletops, phase 3- regional scenario based training, phase 4 – larger scale drill with police and fire represented. Who is in what region and the point of contact for each region will need to be identified.

The ops manual needs to be reviewed and updated this year. Bill Hewett is the point of contact.

TAB: G. Baar reported that the levy may not be added to the next election. If so then the county may put in money to keep fund going for another year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MCI/SALT: Tags will have to be returned. 5 videos are being developed: introduction to SALT, how and why to use the chest seals, tourniquets, airway and to share what the police kit look like; and a verbal summary of the SALT program. A training video is needed on how to use the tags.

The committee agreed upon option 4 for the kits. Districts are responsible for the insides of the kits. The bags (65) will be ordered by the council. Supplies quotes will be requested from Anne Marie at life assist in order to get a bulk discount. I

Provencher would like July 1st to be the deadline for equipment training. Training materials (skill sheets and videos) should be ready on May 1st.

Some options for grant funding include Stop the Bleed and AFG grants-Ballistic PP. It would be better if the grants came from a regional level. Duncan will contact Kurt regarding grant work.

Anybody interested in sitting on the Whatcom County MCI response evaluation group contact Ryan Provencher.

Good of the order: Next education committee meeting is May 19th.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: With no further business the meeting was adjourned.