

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gene Bell, Treasurer	Sam Llobet, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol
Mel Blankers, WCFD 1	Greg Macy, WCFD 1
Ben Boyko, WCFD 7	Duncan McLane, WCFD 11
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17	Omar Mejia, WCFD 18
Denise Christensen, WCFD 14	Josh Morell, SWFA
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14	Jim Petrie, WCFD 17
Michael Hilley, WCEMS	Laura Smith, WCFD16
Kris Jorgensen, NWFRS	Becky Stermer, PeaceHealth
Emily Junck, BFD	Rod Topel, SWFA
Rick Kowsky, Cascade	Therese Williams, BTC
Erica Littlewood, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol	Rich Utarnachitt, ALNW

CALL TO ORDER: President Duncan McLane called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, held at station 31, to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 2018 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive: no meeting/no report

Finance:

Down \$42,000 in saving/checking accounts due to normal expenses.

Up \$7000 in investment account.

Education:

Reimbursement checks for SGA training have been sent out. No reports of any problems with i-gel use.

Reminder: The i-gel holder should be above the ear so no there is no pressure around neck.

Options to EMS online are being looked at.

Target Solutions is a possibility for next year.

Reminder: Keep up with Quarterly CPR training with pumps/pods.

District 7 has pocket guide on CPR calls.

Nitrous oxide is approved for pilot program.

Stop the Bleed is being worked on. There will be funds from the hospital, as well as North Region, for kits and training.

CQI:

Last meeting was on October 4th. John Granger, RN (Airlift NW) made a presentation on the use of blood products in field trauma.

Duncan McLane discussed the ePCR committee.

Progress towards ImageTrend go live date was discussed.

Reports will move off survey monkey and onto ImageTrend.

Becky presented a case review of a vehicle/pedestrian accident.

LUCAS devices on BLS units/tableted for now

Initiatives: bystanders lending hand. BLS AED downloads....what process looks like for that
ImageTrend CPR power tool, has not been reliable

Dr. Wayne: There is a new ultrasound device called butterfly for early field recognition

Regional Council:

\$7707.48 grant from North Region approved for Stop the Bleed

Min/max numbers are due by February

Skagit numbers were changed

Burlington was approved for ALS

Opioid and poisoning convention will take place in April

DOH is working on WAC updates

Safe Kids NW will hold a safety tech course in Nov

67% of patients are arriving POV-need more public education

Protocols have been updated.

MPD: no report

Injury Prevention:

Skagit will be holding its first teen heart screen on Nov 14th at Sedro-Woolley High School.

The peer support training went really well. The next one will be held Oct 14th

TAB:

Paramedic school is up and running.

Community paramedic committee meetings are scheduled for every other week.

WCFD 1 is managing vacuum splints: Send to Greg Macy for patching.

5th medic unit: Administration, staff and location needs to be addressed.

District 7 is happy with one unit.

Hospital:

The trauma unit patient volume for July was the biggest month ever. It had 50% greater volume than last year.

24/7 trauma surgeons are just about fully staffed.

Trauma improvement committee meeting was held. Announcement of ALS/BLS is going great.

N. Region/Skagit presented MIST presenting protocol.

(MIST: Mechanism/injuries/signs /treatment)

Volcano drill is ongoing.

Unfinished Business:

Mike H: paramedic school received accreditation and started Tuesday last week.

Transition plans in future to keep school sustainable.

Will train our people and other people in the region.

Students will see some rotation.

ImageTrend: on schedule. Continuum module-analytics part for each agency to individualize.

GRACE program will be in the Chestnut Professional building. Hiring is currently taking place.

Criteria for referrals for the program should be out by end of year.

Mike Hilley, Marv Wayne and Janice Lapsansky attended the Resuscitation conference in Oakland in September.

PulsePoint rollout: verified responder program (\$2800/yr)

Company will help out trouble shooting the system.

Birch Bay citizen group would like to be part of verified responder.

New Business

5th medic: NWFRS has shown interest.

Need to research where the growth has been in the county for ALS calls and decide if it's enough to add a 5th unit.

3rd agency will have to change min/max numbers

ALS min 1 /max 2

Would be prudent to raise min/max numbers now when strategic plan is done.

Member Applications

Denise C. motioned /Ben Boyko seconded. Member applications for Omar Mejia, Laura Smith, and Emily Junck were approved.

The council will need a process for public council statements in the future. May need a bylaw addition for PIO.

Good of the order: none

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:53pm