

Minutes for Whitman County EMS Trauma Council November 20, 2014.

Members present: Jamie Keller – Whitcom, Dr. Mikkelsen - Pullman Regional Hospital, Mirenda Caessens – WCFD12, Terrie Teare – Palouse, Dave White – St John, Bill Tensfeld – Whitman County Emergency Management

Agencies missing representation: Lamont, Malden, Colton/Uniontown, WSP, WCSO, LifeFlight, Oakesdale, Whitman Community Hospital, Rosalia, Pullman, MedStar, Endicott, Colfax, Garfield, Albion, Tekoa, Steptoe, LaCrosse

Meeting called to order at 1905

Minutes – Tabled approval until December meeting

Treasurers reports: - Tabled until December meeting

Sheriff's Office – *NA

Emergency management – Bill Tensfeld – Continuing to work on radio issues, working on the Baker road site. Will help with river coverage. *Exercise in July for a multi-agency event, Details to follow. *Communication trailer should be done and here next week. Aiming to be in service after January 1, 2015. *Looking at an active 911 app/texting system.

Whitcom – Jamie Keller - *Reminder that dispatchers cannot talk while setting tones off with the new radio system. *Please pass on to department members to advise Whitcom which repeater they are transmitting on and their complete unit number and apparatus type. *Whitcom gained approval from the committee to add the Emergency Infectious Disease Surveillance Tool to the EMD cards for use. *Working on the text paging system (personnel could be receiving a lot of text test pages as it gets worked out).

East region–*NA

MPD– Dr.Mikkelsen - **What ambulance services are prepared to transport Ebola patients? What hospitals are prepared to accept Ebola patients? What are the procedures being used to minimize exposure on those calls? How to alert field units of possible Ebola patient without saying anything over the air? "Stage and call" or "Extreme PPE" and advice personnel to call local Whitcom number. *Sacred heart is 1 of 8 hospitals in WA that has self-selected to receive and care for Ebola patients. It takes approximately 24 hours to test for Ebola. *Two types of Ebola patient, wet and dry. Wet patients are more risky, minimize invasive procedures. Wear shields *Always ask for help with putting on and removing PPE. *Stay 3 feet away from patients to help minimize contamination.*

Committees- * NA

New Business – *Still looking for nominations for a Treasurer. *There has been a request for RN's to identify themselves when they are taking over patient care from ambulance personnel. Reports of missing or non-visible name tags are causing confusion as to who it is ok to pass report to. * St John is looking at holding an MCI drill in 2015.

Old Business—*EMT class in Oakesdale – Angela emailed receipts for reimbursement. Council will be discussing spending limits and parameters for future classes as there is no system in place currently. *KPI – no call details have been sent to Jamie as of 11/20/14. *Naloxone training – target date for training completion is Dec 1, 2014. Let Dr. M know when your agency has completed training.

Upcoming Training – *NA

Announcements – *NA

Meeting adjourned 2027

Next EMS Council Meeting – December 18, 2014 – 1900 hours
Colfax City Council Chambers