

**Minutes for Whitman County EMS Trauma Council
November 15, 2018.**

Members present: MPD, Dr. Lightfoot; Whitcom, Jamie Keller (Pres.); Albion, Laban Molsee (Sec.); Colfax FD, Tim Tingley, Mike Chapman; Lacrosse, Bill Baker (VP); Palouse, Marvin Pillers; PUW FD, Alex J Aegerter; Rosalia, Ron Willey; Tekoa, Sherma Tysz; VFI, Scott Kruse; WCFD #14, Brenda Dahmen (Treas.), John Dahmen

Agencies missing representation: Endicott , Garfield, Malden, Oaksdale, Pullman, St. John, Steptoe, WCEM, WCFD #12, WCFD #5

Meeting called to order at 1857 by Jamie Keller

Prior Minutes: Minutes from 9/19/18 read and approved.

Treasurers report:

- Savings: \$8081.02, Checking: \$256.13
- Bills: \$10 WA state for tax exempt filing, \$60.27 for fair booth. Marv moved, Ron 2nd to pay bills – **Passed.**

Emergency management: Report by Marv

- Alpha pagers will be going away at end of year
- North Fire is live
- In the 3rd week of March 2019 West Fire will be live

Whitcom: Jamie-

- Jamie reported that the Dispatch Committee needs to meet and discuss the possibility of making changes to Whitcom's dispatch question list for Interfacility Transfers. Some hospitals don't want to answer all the current questions when requesting an IFT. Changes are needed due to the requirement that all hospitals be asked the same questions.
- Whitcom is seeking clarity on what to do when EMS agency's fail to have a crew respond. How long should Whitcom wait to tone another agency and who should they tone. This problem has arisen when Garfield is paged but no crew responds. Whitcom would like to have agencies update their dispatch card but until that time Whitcom need's a temporary policy that will give then guidance.
 - **Motion:** Marv P; Scott K 2nd: Create a temporary dispatch policy for EMS calls. If no response by an EMS agency, retone after 5 minutes. Wait 3 more minutes and if still no response tone the next geographically closest transport agency. Dispatch digression will be allowed to tone another agency sooner if they believe the call warrants it. This policy will last through June 2019. **Passed**

East region: Ron Willey -

- There is discussion at the East Region about what to do with training monies and they would like suggestions.
 - EMS Council suggestions: allow more scholarships to EMS conferences, put more of the money into OTEP.
 - Much discussion; will be continued at January meeting.

- There is concern in the East Region with helicopter service not meeting their dispatch requirements of being on scene within 30 minutes. East Region needs to hear if they are missing these times.
 - **Communicate** with Whitcom when Life Flight lands so they can log this.

MPD: Dr. Lightfoot –

- Concerned about the cost of EMT classes and the lack of availability.
- Willing to help teach EMT class and can probably get help from other medical providers from our local hospitals.
- Agency representation is important at the EMS council. It is imperative to have all agency's attend.
- Discussion by Council:
 - Proposed Pullman EMT class is already full
 - Getting more SEI's has to be our priority
 - Prior class pass rates have struggled, better screening of students by departments is needed.
 - Jamie will get plans together to put an EMT class together for Jan-March 2019. Instructors are needed.

Committees:

- Protocol: Brenda Dahman requested getting hemostatic gauze in our BLS protocols. MPD agreed that would be good. Brenda will work on the required steps to get it done.
 - MPD would also like to get TXA into the ALS protocols. He will talk to James Young.

New Business:

- Marv P reported: Annie Pillers is wanting to put an EMR class on at Palouse in the spring. This EMR class will only be scheduled if the class by Jamie is not able to happen.
- Jamie reported Pullman FD is wanting to put an EMT class on this spring. No department representation was present so no action was able to be taken by the Council.
- Regional PCPs were approved by the DOH on November 1, 2018. Regional PCPs can be found at: <http://eastregion-ems.org/regional-council/trauma-plan/>
- State Office: upcoming EMS education update workshop (12/03/18, 1/9/19)
- Nominations for Treasurer and VP are open. Elections will be January 17, 2019.

Old Business:

- Prior motion was taken from the table to schedule regular EMS council meetings. Discussion found that the 4th Thursday would work better. Amended by Marv P, Scott K 2nd: Change 3rd Thursday to 4th Thursday. **Passed**
Result: EMS council meetings to be held the 4th Thursday of every odd month at 1900. **Passed**

Meeting adjourned 2048

**Next EMS Council Meeting – January 24, 2019 - 1900
Colfax City Council Chambers**

Laban Molsee
Secretary