

**Minutes for Whitman County EMS Trauma Council
November 21, 2019**

Members present: MPD - Dr. Lightfoot; Whitcom - Jamie Keller (Pres.); Albion - Laban Molsee (Sec.); Colfax FD - Randy Miller; VFI - Milt Groom; WCEM - Bill Tensfeld; WCFD #12 - Jessie McCleary; Guests: - Victoria Fowler (Gazette)

Agencies missing representation: Endicott; Garfield; Lacrosse; Malden; Oaksdale; Palouse; Pullman; PUW-ARFF; Rosalia; St. John; Steptoe; Tekoa; WCFD #14; WCFD #5

Meeting called to order 1905. No membership quorum.

Prior Minutes: Reading of 9/26/19 minutes.

Treasurer's report: Not available

Emergency management: Bill Tensfeld reported that new radio equipment has been installed and issues are being worked on.

- Question was asked about rescue helicopter capabilities available. B. Tensfeld stated that Rescue 3 from Spokane Co. is available with transport and rescue capabilities. All requests for rescue should be handled through Whitcom.

Guest Victoria Fowler of the Whitman Co. Gazette asked questions about EMS personnel retention in departments for an upcoming Gazette article. Discussion followed.

Whitcom:

- Whitcom is currently understaffed, please be patient. Updates may be delayed due to dispatchers still taking calls.
- Units need to notify Whitcom if on standby.
- Once a unit checks back in service following a call, Whitcom stops keeping track of unit.
- If multiple units are clearing a scene have command clear all units at once to lessen radio traffic.

East region: No report

MPD:

- Dr. Lightfoot – Open door policy to EMS providers. If you would like to do some EMS rounds at PRH talk to Dr. Lightfoot.
- If you have paperwork requiring Dr. Lightfoot's signature it is OK to use his personal email.
- If medical control contact is needed during an EMS call, contact PRH ED.

Committees:

- Protocols: waiting to get updated protocols back from state. Jamie will email them out when available.
 - ASA in cardiac cases increased to 324mg, OK to give higher dose now.
 - All other forthcoming protocol changes: please wait for updated protocols to arrive.

Old Business:

- 2018 & 2019 checks have been deposited.
- 2019 spring EMT class: Jamie suggested \$100-\$150 reimbursement to each student still left enough in savings to purchase EMS supplies. No action due to lack of quorum.

New Business:

- EMR class: Annie is planning to host an EMR class in Palouse. 12 seats available. Let Jamie or Annie know if you have prospective students.

Elections:

- Due to no quorum, no nominations or voting took place. Jamie is willing to continue as President but will not be available at the January & March meetings due to work conflicts. Laban is willing to continue as Secretary.
- Elections may have to be handled by Email.

Meeting adjourned 2054

Laban Molsee
Secretary

**Next EMS Council Meeting – Thursday, January 23, 2020 - 1900
Colfax City Council Chambers**