

**Minutes for Whitman County EMS Trauma Council
January 28, 2021**

Members present: MPD - Dr. Lightfoot; Whitcom - Jamie Keller (Pres.); Albion - Laban Molsee (Sec.); Colfax FD - Jacob Smith; Palouse - Terrie Teare, Marvin Pillers; Pullman - Andrew Chiavaras; PUW-ARFF - Alex J Aegerter; Rosalia - Bill Tensfeld, Laura Laughtenslager; St. John - David White; Steptoe - Jeff Kuhlmann; Tekoa - Sherma Tysz; VFI - Scott Kruse (left early); WCEM - Bill Tensfeld; WCFD #14 - Brenda Dahmen (Treas.), Justin Becker; WCFD #12 - Mirenda Stenbakken

Meeting called to order 1904

MPD Report (first due to time conflict): Dr. Lightfoot:

- Thank you for those who have helped with the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out.
- PRH & Palouse Medical are working hard to provide Saturday vaccine clinics.
- If you have members in your agency who need the vaccine please contact Dr. Lightfoot and he will help to facilitate that.
- Quarantine guidelines: Agencies need to communicate with Dr. Lightfoot if they have members who need quarantine. This will keep him in the loop and maintain consistency in quarantine guidelines across agencies.

Prior Minutes: November minutes approved with corrected November Treasure report. (Updated minutes provided to Marv for the website.)

Treasure Report: Checking \$2126.15, Savings \$11426.41

Emergency management (Bill Tensfield):

- PPE is still available for agencies. Gloves, gowns, face shields, masks. Let Bill T know if you need some.

Whitcom:

- Request for agencies to remind citizens to use 911 when reporting emergencies. It complicates things on Whitcom's end to have FF/EMT's call who can't answer screening questions. This leaves Whitcom in an impossible situation, trying to guess how to proceed with complicated response plans. Requesting Whitcom to "Just Tone the call" is not helpful.
- Reminder: Dispatch cannot cancel agencies or decide if they need to respond or not, we just pass on the information provided.
- Request help early if know you don't have responders in town Fire or EMS
- Please call or email supervisors@whitcom.org with any questions

East region: No report

Committees: No report

Old Business:

- Rosalia EMT class update: All 21 students have passed the class. 8 have taken the NREMT.
- Palouse EMR class is starting 2/6/21.

New Business:

- Application presented for Pullman Fire's EMT class, 3/2/21 to 5/15/21. This class currently has 9 students who are Pullman Fire Recruits. Due to Covid restrictions no further slots are available.
 - **Motion to approve: Brenda Dahman. 2nd Terrie Teare. Pass**
- Bylaw discussion regarding EMS Council membership. Discussion centered on who can be a member and do we need to change the Bylaws to be more restrictive. Discussion also covered the fact that Appendix A of the Bylaws (members as of 2/11/08) needs to be updated.
 - General consensus was that an EMS license is not necessary to be a member. Though a locale may have it's EMS provided by another agency that does not preclude it from having a voice on the Council
 - **Justin Becker motion:** Update Appendix A in the coming meetings, but leave the rest of the Bylaws as they are. **2nd Bill Tensfield. Pass.**

Elections of officers:

- Vice President: Bill Baker elected to 2-year term.
- Treasure: Marv Pillers elected to 2-year term.

Agency Reports: Various agencies shared an update on their operations.

Upcoming Training:

- If you have need for an IV Tech class please let Laban know. His company, Advance EMS, is trying to get enough students together for a class.
- Please communicate to Jamie or Laban your EMT class needs so we can start planning the next EMT class.

Meeting adjourned 2000

Laban Molsee
Secretary

**Next EMS Council Meeting – Thursday, March 25, 2021 – 1900
Via Zoom, Details will be sent by Jamie Keller**