

Minutes for Whitman County EMS Trauma Council
September 23, 2021
Via Zoom

Agencies present: MPD (Lightfoot), Whitcom, Albion, Colfax FD, LaCrosse, Palouse, Pullman FD, Airport, Rosalia, Steptoe, Tekoa, WCFD 12.

Meeting called to order 1902

Prior Minutes: Minutes from 8/26/21 read, accepted.

Treasurer's report: Approved

Expenses: Fair shirts and other fair expenditures are coming in and being processed.

Checking: \$1680.95

Savings: \$11,429.07

Whitcom: Jamie Keller

- Reminder: Please communicate apparatus types when communicating with Whitcom.
- Printing off run times may be delayed due to staffing issues. Please be patient. Calling for times in not necessary.

East region: *NA

MPD: Dr.Lightfoot –

- PRH updates: PRH will have a Covid-19 testing center that will be opening 9/29/21. A referral will be required by your doctor.
- Currently 6 Covid patients in PRH.
- Dr. Mikelson, Dr. Tingstad, Dr. Steve Hall are the 3 Chief medical doctors of PRH. Dr. Mikelson is also the ED director.
- Agencies providing mutual aid into Washington are required to meet the WA vaccination mandate.
- EMS rounds are traditionally the 1st Wednesday of each month. Due to circumstances this can get shifted. Dr. Lightfoot will send out an email to agencies letting them know the schedule.
- Religious exemption for Covid-19 vaccine: The mandate clearly states individual agencies are tasked with ruling on their respective member's exemption requests. If requests come to the Council for their input, that will need to be discussed by the Executive Board.
- A question was asked of Dr. Lightfoot about AEMT's getting trained for the updated protocols. Dr. Lightfoot will be devolving this and will have more information in the future.

Emergency management: Marv Pillers *for* Bill Tensfield

- A new tower is being placed on Bald Butte.

- For more information on the proposed 1/10th of 1% sales tax increase for emergency communications please visit: www.Citizens4whitman911.org If you would like to be listed as an agency in favor of the 1/10 of 1% sales tax increase send an email to supporter@citizens4whitman911.org

Old Business:

- Jamie: Thanks to all the agencies who assisted with the James Krouse memorial as well as assisted Colfax Fire and VFI with calls during the Funeral.
- Jamie: Fair aid booth went well.

New Business:

- A WA certified SEI has moved to the area and is requesting affiliation. Jamie will solicit the individual for more information and get back to the council. Annie also suggested that the council needs to develop criteria and procedures for individuals to be SEI's in Whitman county.
- Randy Miller: Sgt Cooper is willing to provide information for agencies regarding to the new laws affecting Law enforcement and EMS calls. Randy will see about getting an information packet to Jamie for EMS agencies.
- Joe Handley & Laura Lautenslager will research the needs and requirements for an AEMT class. Will report to council at next meeting. If you have members who may be interested in a late 2022, spring 2023 AEMT class let Jamie know.

Upcoming Training:

- **Community Mental Health Tools for Fire/EMS** Saturday 9/25/2021, 9:00 am – 11:30 am, Whitman County Public Service Building – Colfax
- **Upcoming EMS classes:**
 - **EMS Evaluator class.** Two are planned, November 6, and December 11. One will be in the Pullman area the other will be in the northern region of Whitman County. Annie & Laban will be putting these together. Details will be emailed.
 - **EMR class in Colton** (Jan/Feb 2022) Being planned currently, details will be coming.
 - **Pullman EMT class** (Feb-May 2022). Availability and details will be coming at a later date.
 - **IV tech class.** Laban is working on getting one put together before the end of 2021.

Agency Reports: Palouse, LaCrosse, Tekoa, Airport, D12, Roselia

Meeting adjourned 2009

Laban Molsee
Secretary

**Next EMS Council Meeting – Thursday, November 18, 1900
Via Zoom, details will be emailed by Jamie**