

WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

December 5, 2019 6:00 PM

WWPD CHUCK FULTON COMMUNITY ROOM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Liz Jessee called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm in the Fulton Room @ WWPD

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves and the agency represented.

PRESENT: Sharon Brooks, Randy Charles, Jodi Ferguson, Deb Fortner, Darren Goble, Don Groat, Liz Jessee, Todd Kimball, Kevin Kromm, Heather Lee, Kate Hockersmith, Nancy McClenny-Walters, Alyssa Wells, and Jodi Warden

EXCUSED Patty Courson, Bill Dunham, Neosha Guse, Brian Jones, Susan Leathers, Dr. Michael Minckler, Brad Morris, Dr. Lewis Neace, Rob Nelson, and Todd Reiswig,

ABSENT: Kathy Adamski, Justin Destito, Charlie Drury, Jim Estep, Randy Hinchliffe, Steve Hoffmann, Kris Kerr, Mitch King, Alyssa Kyle, Justin Lessard, Patti Loney, Jim Ruffcorn, Dennis Waters and Erin Whitney

GUEST:

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$23,971.56 all bills paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

MPD REPORT:

NONE

EMS DIRECTOR:

Heather Lee reported –

- The EMS Council bylaws need to be reviewed. They will be emailed out to the council for review.

REGIONAL:

Heather Lee reported –

- They are still in the process of updating the PCP. The state has a standard format they would like all regional councils you use. It would allow for letter of addendum for individual county protocols. This should be completed by June.

LIFEFLIGHT:

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Liz Jessee reported –

- We attended, via webinar, the concept and objectives meeting for Cascadia Rising 2022 exercise. This exercise will be a follow up to the 2016 Cascadia Rising exercise. Both full-scale exercises are built around a 9.0 earthquake in the Cascadia Subduction Zone off the coast of Canada, Washington, Oregon and California.
- We also attended a workshop at Franklin County to go over ordering resources from WA State Military Department. Once local resources have been exhausted, state resources are ordered through the local emergency management office.
- Our flood response plan is being updated.

TRAINING:

Jodi Worden reported –

- The EMT class Mass Casualty training exercise is going on now. We did our best to notify the public through email, event calendar and social media, to prevent confusion.
- Fall quarter started with 17 students. Two students have dropped bringing us to 15. There will be no class in winter or spring quarter. The Fall class will be the first time it will operate under the self-support college credit. Not sure of the cost yet. Currently it costs about \$1875.00

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Nancy McClenney-Walters reported-

- Topsy Taxi starts on Friday December 13th. She provided posters and business cards for everyone to take and pass out to businesses or post in public areas to get the word out.
- Every Fifteen Minute programs will take place at Walla Walla High School (February 27-28), Prescott High School (May 18-19) and Walla Walla Valley Academy (March 10-11)
- We were sad to hear that she will be retiring at the end of February.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH:

Jodi Ferguson reported-

- She passed out a flyer for a parent education night on vaping. It will be held December 9th from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Providence St. Mary Southgate Auditorium, 1111 South Second Avenue.
- With Hepatitis A outbreaks in neighboring counties, Community Health is being proactive by visiting the Jail and Sleep Center. Fortunately, there have been no cases in our county.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Heather Lee Reported-

- It's time to accept nominations for our Executive Board. Kevin Kromm was nominated for Chair and Bill Dunham for Vice Chair. Please let her know of any further nominations before the February 6th meeting.
- It is time to send in your letters stating who your representatives are for EMS Council.

- The Commissioners approved the EMS Levy to be put on the ballot for the February 2020 election. There are no changes over the last levy. The EMS office did budget an additional 45,000.00 to cover the cost of the election expenses.
- Work needs to be done to educate the public about the levy. Information was passed out about the Council's support of past levies and estimates on what it would cost for the same types of ads this time. A motion was made to support the advertisement of the levy. It shall not exceed \$2500.00. The motion passed.
- We need to consider putting together a committee to make sure a consistent message is being distributed county wide. Flyers that were used for the last levy campaign were updated and distributed to allow members to suggest changes. A motion was made to put together a levy subcommittee. The motion passed. She will be sending out an email to gain interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sharon Brooks reported –

- Fire District #8 has purchased a new rescue rig that they hope to have in service by January 4th.
- 4 new people in their community have shown interest in EMS volunteering.

Deb Fortner reported –

- Fire District #2 has 3 new volunteers.

Kate Hockersmith reported –

- She is happy to hand out information in Waitsburg.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Liz Jessee adjourned meeting at 6:46 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.** @ WWPD Fulton Room

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Wells, Secretary