

# WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

August 1, 2019 6:00 PM

## WWPD CHUCK FULTON COMMUNITY ROOM

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Kevin Kromm called the meeting to order at 5:58 pm in the Fulton Room @ WWPD**

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Everyone introduced themselves and the agency represented.

**PRESENT:** Sharon Brooks, Patty Courson, Bill Dunham, Don Groat, Liz Jessee, Kevin Kromm, Susan Leathers, Heather Lee, Justin Lessard, Steve Hoffmann, Brian Jones, Rob Nelson, Casey Potts, Todd Reiswig, Melissa Rodriguez, Jim Ruffcorn, Neosha Guse and Alyssa Wells

**EXCUSED:** Charlie Drury, Jodi Ferguson, Brad Morris, and Dr. Lewis Neace

**ABSENT:** Kathy Adamski, Justin Destito, Jim Estep, Deb Fortner, Darren Goble, Randy Hinchliffe, Kris Kerr, Todd Kimball, Mitch King, Nancy McClenny-Walters, Patti Loney, Dennis Waters and Erin Whitney

**GUEST:**

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

Minutes Approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

\$24,481.36 all bills paid.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE

**MPD REPORT:**

NONE

**EMS DIRECTOR:**

Heather Lee reported –

- Dr. Minckler has agreed to mentor under Dr. Neace. He will attend QA meetings when he is available.
- The training grant for 19-20 has been submitted. We arranged for 6 scholarships to be awarded at \$500.00 each. Affiliated students should apply through the EMS Council. These funds cannot be used for NREMT testing. However, agencies can apply for a voucher through the state for national registry testing.
- A 3-year OTEP schedule has been submitted to the state. The 19-20 schedule is firm. It has been distributed so instructors can sign up to teach. Hopefully Dr. Neace and Dr. Minckler will be available to teach as well.
- The EMS & Trauma system assessment report has been completed and published on the DOH website. There are nine individual items that pertain to EMS.
- Justin Lessard developed a nitrous protocol for us. Dr. Neace has approved it. We will work on getting it approved by DOH and implemented.

- The EMS Levy will be back on the ballot in February. In the past, EMS Council has paid for advertising. We will decide on how much we would like to spend at the October meeting.
- There will be a music festival held in District #8 in September. Dr. Neace would like care provided at BLS level only.

**REGIONAL:**

CANCELLED

**LIFEFLIGHT:**

NONE

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Liz Jessee reported –

- We will be rolling out a public information campaign for a simplified sign up for our Everbridge emergency notification system.
  - Text your Walla Walla County zip code on your mobile phone to **888777**
  - You will get a reply that you've been enrolled with an option to select Spanish language
  - You'll now receive notifications on your cellphone from Everbridge
  - You'll also receive a notification if you travel into a region that uses Everbridge and they send out a message
  - Next you will receive a text containing a link to our web portal registration if you're interested in adding additional contact information; if you are already enrolled you will be instructed to update your contact information at the web portal
  - Citizens call also download the **Mobile Bridge** app to monitor notifications
- We've also engaged our executive board in discussions about getting the Everbridge Citizen Response feature at an estimated cost of \$5000 annually. Everbridge works with multiple vendors to obtain unlisted phone numbers and mobile phone numbers. Everbridge says that there would be an estimated 60% increase in our coverage.

**TRAINING:**

Melissa Rodriguez reported –

- We have 22 applicants for Fall EMT class and 9 fire students continuing to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the program.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY:**

NONE

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH:**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Heather Lee reported –

- There has been some talk about combining Columbia and Walla Walla County's EMS Council Meetings. If this is accepted, we will need to rotate our meeting place. We can talk about it further at October's meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Rob Nelson reported –

- Mental health 1<sup>st</sup> aid training has been put to use. WWFD is hoping to mitigate the long-term effects of mental trauma.

Patty Courson Reported –

- She attended an SEI workshop at Columbia Basin College. We are noticing many SEI coming to end of their career. The need for replacement instructors is great.

Liz Jessee reported –

- Emergency management is working with the City of Walla Walla on what to do when you can't reach 911. A link is available on the EM website.

### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Kevin Kromm adjourned meeting at 6:28 PM.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be **Thursday, October 3, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.** @ WWPD Fulton Room

Respectfully submitted,

*Alyssa Wells, Secretary*