

WHATCOM COUNTY EMS/TC COUNCIL
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 10, 2008

PRESENT: Denise Christensen, WCFD #14, Chair; Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4; Justin Thompson, Dist 8; Kim Cook, Dist #16; Therese Williams, WCFD #7/BTC; Jerry Martin, WCFD #7; John Swobody, NWFRS; Duncan McLane, WCFD #11; Gary Baar, Lynden; Keri Snodgrass, council manager

ABSENT: Howard Adams, WCFD #9; John Mulhern, WCFD #11; Randy VanderHeiden, BFD

CALL TO ORDER: Denise Christensen, at 1:04, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the April Education Committee to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting minutes from the March were approved

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

North Region Education Committee: No meeting in the last month. There is no scheduled meeting before the retreat. Jerry Martin will be attending the retreat.

Funding: request for funds reimbursement due in June.

Communications: WAMI conference in June in Seattle.

Training officers' report: Leslie reported that the recruit academy and the King Tube were discussed at the last meeting. The next COW is on April 19th at the Geneva Station. The topic is wildland EMS. Chief Baar presented on ardent century drill involvement.

Q/A committee: Nothing to report until after Monday night's general council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Protocols and transport guidelines: Still being worked on.

King tube: Shawn with Tri-Anim cannot do a buy-out. Their exclusive packaging is three tubes and one syringe for \$39. Life Assist sells for \$29 for orders of 10 or more with Medic One's contract pricing. A train the trainer working will be at the next education committee meeting. Dr. Wayne has approved agencies using up their current inventory first. After discussion it was agreed that it would be best to have everybody on the same tube at once and not have different tubes to be trained on. The committee will ask the EMS Council for funds from the ambulance fund to replace all the tubes to facilitate a

countywide switch to the King tube. Estimated total to replace tubes is \$11,000. 2nd option is to ask St. Luke's foundation for a 50% matching grant. Jerry and Duncan will work on the grant if necessary.

Protocols will need to be written.

PHTLS: Funds (\$100 per student) will be requested at the general meeting on April 14th. A letter is needed from the education committee supporting this request. Total cost of class \$400 a student.

EMT-B course length: There will only be 2 regular scheduled classes next year with a third offsite class (private or open) if requested and approved. The application for an offsite class will be changed to ask if the facility have the space for 32 students. If not, then the class will be privately funded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application for CE instructor: An application from Gatlin McConnell was approved (Jerry/Therese).

GOOD OF THE ORDER: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:25.
Next meeting will be on May 8th.
