

WHATCOM COUNTY EMS/TC COUNCIL
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 13, 2008

PRESENT: Denise Christensen, WCFD #14, Chair; Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4; Jerry Martin, WCFD #7; Justin Thompson, Dist 8; Kim Cook, Dist #16; Duncan McLane, WCFD #11; Gary Baar, Lynden; Randy VanderHeiden, BFD; Chris Carleton, BFD, Guest; Shawn McLeod, Tri-anim, Guest; Keri Snodgrass, council manager

ABSENT: Howard Adams, WCFD #9; John Mulhern, WCFD #11; John Swobody, NWFRS; Therese Williams, WCFD #7/BTC;

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

Special Presentation: Chris Carlton (BFD) and Shawn McLeod (Tri-anim) presented on the King Tube, BLS airway device to replace the easy-tube and Combi-tube. Advantages include only one balloon to inflate and no guesswork. There was discussion after the presentation. After final approval by Dr. Wayne, an inventory of current tubes needs to be taken in order to find out what can be done regarding a credit or refund on the inventory. A motion to move forward carries. An email will be sent to all agencies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting minutes from the February were approved

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

North Region Education Committee: nothing to report

Funding: no report

Communications: North Region Retreat begins on April 30th

Training officers' report: They have started free monthly 4 hour continuous officer workshops (COW). Leslie will email Keri the schedule to post on the website. They are also offering a PHTLS class in September.

Q/A committee: Jerry reported that a letter has been received from the Executive Board. There are questions that will be addressed at the next general meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Protocols and transport guidelines: There has not been a meeting on this since the last education committee meeting. A meeting is now scheduled for 1:00- 3:00 on the 28th (Tuesday) at Dist 7 Church Rd station.

PHTLS: Notice when out today to the districts. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Length of EMT-B course- There has been complaints that the EMT-B course schedule is on too tight of a timeline for people to digest. Discussion tabled until Therese (BTC) can respond.

Special Needs EMT-B course – Motion (Gary/Leslie) to approve Dist 11's request for a special needs class carries.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at. Next meeting will be on April 10th.
