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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
March 12, 2009

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**PRESENT:** Denise Christensen, WCFD #14, Chair; Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4; Justin Thompson, Dist 8; Sean Farnand, BFD; Therese Williams, BTC; Craig Johnson, NWFRS

**ABSENT:** Jerry Martin, WCFD #7; Randy VanderHeiden, BFD; Duncan McLane, WCFD #11; Kim Cook, Dist #16; Howard Adams, WCFD #9; John Swobody, NWFRS; Gary Baar, Lynden; Keri Snodgrass, council manager

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Denise Christensen called the regularly scheduled March meeting of the Education Committee to order at 1:00.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES -** Meeting minutes from the February meeting were approved (Williams/Pederson).

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**ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

*North Region Education Committee:* There have been no meetings recently.

*Funding:* no report

*Communications:* A farmedic class is being offered April 25-26 in Ritzville and a PHTLS class is being offered May 16-17<sup>th</sup> in Davenport.

*WCTOA report:* 21 recruits for academy. C.O.W. workshops are cancelled due to lack of attendance. There is an instructor one class May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. Deadline to register is April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*QI committee:* Meeting has been postponed to the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00-12:00.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Protocols and transport guidelines:* Everyone please go thru the 2006 protocol addendum and come back to the next meeting with suggestions. Cpt. Farnand handed out a PowerPoint regarding general rules on BLS/ALS transport. He will send to Keri for her to send out to committee.

*King tube:* Start at 60, don't overinflate, good lung sounds. Discussion ensued regarding appropriate or correct inflation, definition. Dr. Wayne's instruction is to try to fix the situation with education. This case is a good one to use in all King Airway classes as an example of the type of problem that can occur. Using "just right" on the amount of air makes sense as ALS does with the ET tube cuffs.

*EMT-B* – The current EMT-B classes will use the online testing.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Alternative Infectious disease class.. HIV/AIDS training information regarding classroom/online =1 is Atrain education. [www.atrainceu.com](http://www.atrainceu.com)

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**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** With no further business the meeting was adjourned, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15. The next meeting will be on April 9th.

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