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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
November 13, 2008

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**PRESENT:** Denise Christensen, WCFD #14, Chair; Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4; Therese Williams, WCFD #7/BTC; Justin Thompson, Dist 8; Kim Cook, Dist #16; Gary Baar, Lynden; Roger Christensen, BFD; Keri Snodgrass, council manager

**ABSENT:** Randy VanderHeiden, BFD; Jerry Martin, WCFD #7; Howard Adams, WCFD #9; Duncan McLane, WCFD #11; John Swobody, NWFRS;

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Denise Christensen called the regularly scheduled November meeting of the Education Committee to order at 1:10.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES -** Meeting minutes from the October meeting were approved (Therese/Leslie).

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**ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

*North Region Education Committee:* Denise and Jerry Martin attended. Discussed plan for the grants, they should be the same as last year. They have stated that if they didn't attend the meeting they won't get the money.

*Funding:* Checks went out yesterday.

*Communications:* SEI instructor workshop

*WCTOA report:* Recruit academy graduates soon. Training program at 10:00 on November 20th for those interested in the new training program for fire service. The training officers meeting will follow at 10:30. Elections will be at the next meeting.

*QI committee:* no report

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Protocols and transport guidelines:* MCI plan that just came out should be in our protocols.

*Instructor workshops:* Denise developed a tentative agenda for the instructor workshop and will email it the committee. Infectious disease has been moved from a yearly topic to an ongoing module for online OTEP. Street medicine will take place its place in 2009. For King Tube, an overhead will be shown and a review of all documentation that was put together. It will be reiterated that only exiting trained personnel may use the King tube. Janice will give an update on the ResQ trial. The trial will continue until July. The Appendix H is too much to copy and hand out, but we can put the material on the website. Leslie can be at the class on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Janice can attend all three.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Testing for the EMT-B test will now be competency based national registry taken via a computer testing center.

*Paramedic training* – Questions were put forth- does the class meet a training need for the country. Does it meet trauma training requirements? Duncan reviewed the application with the committee and addressed some issues.

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**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** With no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on December 11th.

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