

WHATCOM COUNTY EMS/TC COUNCIL
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 13, 2006

PRESENT: Modesta Urbano, Chair, WCFD #14; Leslie Pederson, WCFD 8; Duncan McLane, WCFD #11; Denise Christensen, WCFD #14; Kim Cook, Dist #16; Keri Snodgrass, council manager

ABSENT: Geri Chumley, WCFD #4; Therese Williams, WCFD #7/BTC; John Mulhern, WCFD #11; Dean Crosswhite, WCFD #7; Gary Baar, Lynden; Brad Bannerman, BFD; Howard Adams, WCFD #9; Roger Christensen, BFD;

CALL TO ORDER: Desta Urbano, at 9:05, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the October Education Committee to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Motion (Kim/Leslie) to approve the minutes of the June meeting carries.

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

North Region Education Committee: There is a meeting at the end of the month to finalize funding for 2006-2007 and finalize the 2 year goals. We need another person to go to the meetings with Denise or to act as an alternate.

Funding: Our request for N. Region training money is due today for next year. Checks will be mailed Monday for agencies who used online OTEP this year, they will include \$350 sign up fee and ~\$17 per head. This reimbursement will go only to not for profit entities.

Communications: none

County training officers: Leslie reported that the command competency class was cancelled, but may be held at a later date. The Instructor 1 class has been completed. There are 21 recruits in the current fire academy. Disks will be ready in two weeks regarding renumbering. The Region 3 conference is in January. Nov 4-5 there will be a complete fire officer course.

OLD BUSINESS:

Case Study presentations: Roger has a Dr. Martin who will sit at the round table, but has been unable to set a date with him. Dr. Wayne and Roger have cases in mind. A pre-meeting needs to be held to set expectations. Attendance is by invitation only (committee is invited) There will be minor editing of the discussion.

DEM Recourse list- Table until March.

AED's – Discussion on how the committee can assist the districts with the upgrades. **Duncan will call Physiocontrol and get a list of who owns what. Keri will buy the software upgrade (~\$30).** The commissioners need to know that the council will help upgrade the AED's. It was determined that the council will be taking care of this.

Online OTEP: Information packets have gone out to all agencies. Packets include contact information, contracts, program requirements, cost and information on internet options.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Schedule: Meeting will now be held at 9:00 on the 2nd Friday of every odd month. An annual schedule will be put together for meeting. The next meeting will be held January 12th. Extra meetings can be called as necessary.

East County EMT-B request - Discussion ensued on the request. An email will be sent to Therese requesting how she is budgeting. Previous understanding was that one of the three classes each year would be budgeted for off campus. Contracting for the fourth class is up to her. The committee's role is to decide which request for an offsite will be granted. Consensus was that it doesn't seem unusual to have a class in the east county, Pt. Roberts or the island. Therese will be asked to discuss with Randy moving winter or spring class to Nugent's corner.

Evaluator workshop and instructor workshop – Two administrators' workshops will be held at the beginning of November (Dist 4 and Dist 8, during the week, 1 evening and 1 daytime). Agencies will use the online skills sheets. There will be a state evaluator program. An evaluator workshop needs to be held annually with the on how they want to evaluate (individual lead or group with the ability to fail an individual).

Q/A: It is the chairs responsibility to work with Dr. Wayne on Q/A. A complaint was received regarding District 1's combitube training. They were contacted and the issue has been resolved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER With no further business, the meeting (Duncan/Denise) adjourned at 11:55.

Respectively submitted by
Keri Snodgrass, EMS/TC Council Staff