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**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 9, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Roger Christensen, President, WCFD #14  
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17  
Therese Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> V-P, BTC  
Jason VanderVeen, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Lynden  
Theresa Sygitowicz, Treasurer, WCFD #16  
Russell Brock, WCFD #1  
Erica Work, WCFD #2  
Geri Chumley, WCFD #4  
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #8  
Shaun Ward, WCFD #8  
Modesta Urbano, WCFD #14  
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17  
John Geleynse, Lynden  
Bill Boyd, BFD  
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council  
Klaus Wergin, Consumer  
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,  
Zach Dirksen, WCFD #8, Guest  
David Ozmer, WCFD #8, Guest  
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager, EMS Council office

**ABSENT:** Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4  
Howard Adams, WCFD #9  
Henry Hollander, WCFD #13  
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11  
Bob Busch, WCFD #11  
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW  
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC  
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance  
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance  
Bruce Rustad, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol  
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD  
Bob Lovelace, Consumer

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Roger Christensen, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at St. Joseph's hospital to order at 7:00.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made by all present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion (Williams/Cannizzaro) to approve the minutes of the July, 2006 carries.

## **REPORTS**

*TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT:* Investment of excess funds has been finalized and a resolution has been passed by the E-board. A motion (George/Boyd) to adopt the resolution as read to the council carries. ~\$150K will be invested with a 50/50 split between income and growth and Bonds. • Theresa reported the balances as of 9/31/06 are \$302,847.67 with \$254,533.97 in the general fund; \$41,197.22 in ambulance fund; \$14,330.60 in industrial CISM and \$5,573.64 in County CISD. • A NIH invoice will be sent this week for \$15,341.25.

*OFFICE:* Office hours have changed to Monday 12:00-2:30, Wednesday 8:30-2:30 and Fridays 12:00 – 2:30. Online OTEP packets were sent to all agencies not currently using online OTEP. North region education funds will be distributed soon.

*EDUCATION:* the committee is now meeting every other month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 9:00 and are using an online work group that seems to be working well. • They are working on a round table taped discussion of calls consisting of ALS, BLS, dispatch, hospital nursing staff and an ER doctor. DVD's will be available for those who want to use it as a training aid. • Committee is finalizing plans for evaluator workshops and instructor workshops that are becoming outdated with online OTEP.

*CONFERENCE:* Therese presented the proposed budget for the conference. A \$5000 grant from just received from the Muckleshoot casino. Registrations are down. Most preconference workshops are full. Volunteers are still needed (room monitors, AV, registration desk). Email Keri or Therese if you can help. This is Therese's last conference. She has done a great job. She will put together a packet for the next chair.

*REGIONAL COUNCIL:* no report

**PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE** – There is a newsletter coming out soon. As Erica can no longer produce the newsletter, a new chair is needed. Workload varies depending on the length. Current issue is 4 pages. She estimates about 5 hours of work per article. Discussion ensued on the effectiveness of the newsletter and ideas on other ways of reaching responders with information. Need a new committee to work on what the committee is trying to achieve and how to achieve it. Bill talked about “pier” system that the county has to distribute information. Committee will be by invitation.

*EXECUTIVE* – Met previous to this meeting. The E-board finalized the investment of the council funds. A pay raise for the operations manager that was due in April was finalized.

*MPD:* No report

*NIH:* Janice reported that Oct 4<sup>th</sup> was the 1 year anniversary of the ResQ trial. Whatcom County has 207 patients which about ½ received CPR. Numbers are as expected with survivors in all three parts of trail. There is a trial board meeting on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> to look at all data for the first time. The board can decide to end study or continue the study. Site visits were last week. All feedback was good.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** –With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:52