

Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee Minutes

June 1, 2011 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Plumas County Public Health Agency

Start: Noon

Attendance:

Carl McDonald, Greenhorn Fire

Becky Grant, PC Sheriff Office

Mike Grant, PC Sheriff Office

Gary Pini, Peninsula Fire

Linda McCurdy, Seneca – Via phone

Karen Hayden, Social Services

Lori Pini, Health Department

Steven Tolen, Plumas District Hospital

Larry Trotter, American Red Cross

Jerry Sipe, Environmental Health

Tina Venable, Health Department

Doug Hockinson, RACES

Kara Davis, RN, NorCal EMS

Greg McCaffrey, Beckwourth Fire

Bob Nelson, ARES

Patrick Bonnett, PC Safety

Robbie Cassou, Quincy Fire

Steve Waldeck, EPHC

Introductions

March Minutes approved by Mike Grant & second by Tina Venable.

Communications

- Med-Com leases are current for Dyer and Beckwourth and paid for this fiscal year.
- Hough & Red Hill are still waiting on the State, this may be a problem as we will not have these paid until next fiscal year.
- RED Project - Redistricting 911 cellular phone calls to go to Sheriff's department instead of CHP. Fire/medical would have a response time of 30-45 second instead of 10 minutes.
- Mapping updates had to be removed as they were made specifically for TENS and were not compatible with E911. Currently using maps that are over 3 years old. Updates are being developed.
- Please notify dispatch of all Fire Chief changes. Recommended that the Fire Chiefs Association send updates to dispatch. Issues have arisen regarding response area boundaries.
- Staff changes in hospitals have caused some issues with dispatching as well.
- Fire Departments and narrow banding – Eastern County Fire Departments reprogrammed to narrow band and Dispatch is still using wide band. Unfortunately, Dispatch can not hear their radio traffic as clearly which is causing a response delay.

EMS Dispatch

- EPDH – Plumas County Sheriff's Dispatch will be providing EMS dispatch for EPDH resulting in faster dispatch.
- New 911 system – Current funding won't buy us what we need. We need the Next Gen 911.
- Sierra, Lassen, Modoc – looking for 4 counties to purchase a more robust system. Also will give us a regional backup system.

New Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist (RDMHS)

David Alvarez of S-SV EMS will be assuming all RDMHS coverage (including on call coverage) for Region III.

David Alvarez RDMHS Contact Information:

Redding Office: (530) 722-6615 David's Cell: (530) 204-7049

Golden Guardian results

Jerry Sipe, OES Director reports:

- Flood scenario – same as 1997 flood
- EOC activation – Flooding in Chester, Feather River Canyon & Portola
- 100 participated – biggest multi agency drill yet
- Please send your After Action Reports from your agency to jerrysipe@countyofplumas.com

Emergency Preparedness Guide for Residents of Plumas County - DRAFT

Jerry reports that Debbie Anderson from Environmental Health has been working on an Emergency Preparedness Guide for Residents. Final version can be found at

<http://www.plumascounty.us/index.aspx?nid=1913>

California Statewide Drill

Will be November 17, 2011 – a handout is distributed. More information can be found at:

<http://www.californiamedicalhealthexercise.com>

Planning meetings are being planned.

NorCal EMS

Kara Davis, RN reports:

- CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) – Airway Pressure
- CPAP – results have demonstrated good patient care outcomes
- Optional on ALS Transport equipment list
- June 17th airway management training with 5 CEU's available
- July 5th – Medical Advisory Committee meeting/conference call in
- New policies in draft form – will be finalized soon
- Cardiac BLS protocols were updated to new American Heart Association standards. – ALS protocols are in the process of being updated.
- Atropine has been dropped from the cardiac arrest algorithm in the 2010 standards.
- Supplemental oxygen is not longer recommended if the patients oxygen saturation level is 94% and above and is not in respiratory distress.

Trainings:

- June 8, 2011 Plumas County Emergency Preparedness Summit
- June 10, 2011 Hazmat Awareness Training – Quincy
- June 17, 2011 Hazmat Awareness Training - Portola
- June 24, 2011 Hazmat Awareness Training – Lake Almanor
- June 30, 2011 Outbreak Investigation & Just in Time Train the Trainer – Epidemiology Investigation

- November 17 2011 Statewide Drill

Agency Reports:

ARES – Doug Hockinson reports about their field day will be June 25th & 26th at Bucks Summit Health – flu shots will be limited this year due to funding. Public Health is receiving ½ of the flu vaccine they have received in the past.

Business to be addressed at the next EMCC Meeting

Save the date: Next meeting September 7, 2011 @ Noon

Adjourned: 1:07 PM

Signed: S. Tolen ~ Minutes drafted by: L. Pini