

Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee Minutes

December 7, 2011 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Plumas County Public Health Agency

Start: Noon

Attendance:

Mike Grant, PC Sheriff Office

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

Dan Spiess, NorCal EMS

Robbie Cassou, Quincy Fire

Steve Waldeck, EPHC

Valeska Armisen, M.D., Health Department – Via Phone

Bill Carlson, EPHC

Mike Savale, Greenville Rancheria

Danny Manning, Greenville Rancheria

Brian Gray, Mountain Life flight

Nick Dawson, PCSO/Chester

Carl McDonald, Greenhorn Fire

Keith Mahan, Ag Commissioner

Introductions

September Minutes approved by Mike Grant & Tina Venable.

Communications/Dispatch

- MedCom leases for Red Hill & Hough approved by Board of Supervisors. Lease rates have increased significantly and will grow yearly.
- Narrowbanding – All PC Public Safety communication systems need to be prepared to Narrowband by the second quarter of 2012. Will start in May/June. All mobiles/portables to transition to narrowband first then the infrastructure. All transitioned before July 2012. Agencies need to develop their own transition plan.
- Funding secured to pay for all reprogramming and tuning of all public safety repeaters and base stations.
- Agencies should prepare to pay for their own narrowbanding efforts (portables, mobiles & pagers)
- Pagers continue to be a problem. A list was developed of what fire departments want. Pagers will be issued based on the wants list until they are all distributed. Not all requests will be met. Mike will continue to work with the Fire Chief's Association regarding pager requests.
- Departments that have already narrowbanded have experienced significant communications issues. On several occasions during emergencies the user could not be heard.
- Paging project with Eastern Plumas District Hospital, Plumas County Sheriff's Office and Sierra County Sheriff's Office using Eastern Plumas District Hospital paging channel is seeking funding.
- Portable VHF & UHF repeaters will be purchased as back-up in case a repeater fails. Funding is in place for this.
- Environmental studies have been approved for the Sheriff's Office microwave project. Equipment has been ordered. Training in January and installs starting soon thereafter. This will tie in almost all communication infrastructures back to the dispatch center as a primary mode of access.
- Regional Dispatch project – State put it on the back burner.
- Voice over IP 911 calls – still in the works. Equipment & infrastructure is there. Continue to have misrouting of calls.

- Next Generation 911 (texting, sending video, images, data to Sheriff's Office) – continue to review and wait for State guidance
- 911 cell phone calls go to CHP. A transition to have non highway related calls sent directly to the Sheriff's Office has slowed due to problems with the infrastructure at Frontier Communications.
- Mapping issues caused by TENS data changes have slowed our 911 mapping system to a crawl. A new program is being tested that shows some improvement, but still slow compared to more robust products. Expensive to resolve. Some funding secured for this project.

Statewide Drill – After Action Report

- Drill was November 17, 2011
- All 3 hospitals participated
- EOC partially activated
- Eastern Plumas District Hospital – lots of involvement! Great communication to EOC
- Plumas District Hospital – tested potable water system. 3 hours to completely hookup. Discovered it was a huge process.
- Seneca District Hospital – no report
- **Next drill – Golden Guardian May 2012 – based on an Earthquake in Southern California. May 2013 will be Northern California. Would like to participate in the May 2012 drill. Send suggestions or ideas to jerrysipe@countyofplumas.com – Chief Cassou suggests S. California would be looking to Northern California for bed space and airports for evacuations.**
- Amy Travis – Glen County Bioterrorism Coordinator contacted Steve Tolen regarding a synopsis and posted information on the Nor Cal BT website.

EMResource Reports, instant messaging, training, etc...

- You have the capabilities on EMR to do instant messaging.
- A single communication with someone or as a conference with multi people/organizations.
- EMR is a great resource to check status of hospitals. If you do not have an account to login, Patti Lima at Nor-Cal can set you up.

Mass Fatality Plan – approve by EMCC

- Sheriffs Department has approved.
- Each Hospital is required to have a Mass Fatality Plan.
- A motion has been made by Bill Carlson, EPHC to approve the Mass Fatality Plan with corrections that Kara Davis from Nor-Cal submitted. Seconded by Quincy Fire Chief Robbie Cassou.
- OES Director will add plan as an appendix to the County Emergency Operation Plan.

County Fire Prevention Officer

- Board of Supervisors approved the recruitment of a County Fire Prevention Officer.
- This position will develop a solution to the 20% of Plumas County that is not in a Fire Prevention District.
- A RFQ to hire and develop a plan closes this Friday.

- Paid by Title 3 money.
- More information and RFQ can be found at www.plumascounty.us in the OES section.

Medical Policy Meeting

- A policy and procedure committee for EMS providers.
- On the Nor-Cal website, you can review draft documents and comment on them during these conference calls.
- Steve Tolen is an active participant in these conference calls.
- If you would to learn more or participate, please contact stolen@pdh.org for more information.

Nor-Cal BT – Dan Spiess reports

- Currently an opening on Nor-Cal's board. Need someone to represent Emergency Care.
- Representative must be affiliated with an ambulance.
- One –Two year position.
- Tina Venable nominates Steve Tolen, Bill Carlson 2nd's
- Doug Self, from Seneca Hospital, his term ends at the end of the year. A hospital representative will be needed also.
- North State Conference will be April 28, 2012 at the Win River Casino. There will be a planning meeting on January 5, 2012 for the Conference. Call Kathy at Nor-Cal if you would like to conference call in.
- Training opportunities are available on the Nor-Cal website.

Other Reports

Community Emergency Response Team

- A team of community members get basic training in survival and rescue skills
- CERT Basic Training is designed to prepare you to help yourself and to help others in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately, you can make a difference by using your CERT training to save lives and protect property.
- Public Health (pending funding) will be providing a training this year.
- **RMDHS** is now Todd Frandsen – Work # 530-722-6615, Cell # 530-204-7049, SSV EMS # 530-410-6008, email address: todd.frandsen@ssvems.com

Trainings

None reported

Agency Reports

Eastern Plumas Health Care – Eastern Plumas Health Care is offering BLS, ACLS and PALS for Healthcare Providers. For more information contact phone Regina Martinez at 530.832.6510.

Red Cross – Trailer is now stocked and ready. It can help 50 individuals. Our Chapter is now a part of the Sacramento Region. This provides us with more training opportunities. Bad news is it is quite some distance. Our Chapter is working with the Northern Nevada Red Cross. A Memorandum of Understand is in place and classes will be provided soon.

Public Health – The ACS Cache of equipment will be distributed on December 12th & 13th, 2011. Various types of N95 masks are available. Contact tinavenable@countyofplumas.com if you are interested. Also Tamiflu and Relenza are available.

Sheriff Department – ICS 300 had 13 individuals attend. Funding is available for 5 more trainings. Possibly ICS 400 in the future.

South Lassen – Mountain Life Flight will have night vision installed before Christmas.

Greenville Rancheria – Staffing changes. They will be attending a HASWOPER Training in Jan/Feb.

Social Service – Is looking for some emergency training for employees in emergency situations.

OES – Portola held an Emergency Preparedness fair. Around 40 people attended.

Greenhorn Fire – New Fire Chief is David Schmid

Business to be addressed at the next EMCC Meeting

- May 2012 Golden Guardian

Save the date: Next meeting March 7, 2012 @ Noon

Adjourned:

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