

## Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee Minutes

March 7, 2012 ~ 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  
Jerry Sipe, Environmental Health  
Dan Spiess, NorCal EMS – Via Phone  
Nick Dawson, PCSO/Chester  
Carl McDonald, Greenhorn Fire  
Keith Mahan, Ag Commissioner  
Becky Grant, PC Sheriff Office  
Todd Frandsen, Region III RDMHS

Judy Mahan, FRC  
Warren Grandall, MVFD  
Daryl White, American Red Cross  
Michelle Perkins, American Red Cross  
Leslie Tigan, City of Portola  
Brian Hughes, RACES  
Alyssa CAssol, PDH  
Carl McDonald, Greenhorn Fire  
Linda McCurdy, Seneca - Via phone  
Eric Rudnick, NorCal EMS – Via phone

Introductions

December Minutes approved by Carl McDonald & Keith Mahan.

### OES Update

Nick Dawson replaces Gary Pini as the Fire Operations Coordinator.

Sue McCourt has been assigned as the Title III funded Fire Prevention Specialist for Plumas County. As a longtime resident of Cromberg, she is familiar with many of our local conditions, concerns and resources. She looks forward to meeting with each of the local departments to help provide wildland fire prevention planning, expertise and support. As part of this role, she will be working to help resolve the out-of-district problem for local departments. She will also provide a voice for local departments at the county level throughout the General Plan review process and the Hazard Mitigation planning process.

### Communications/Dispatch

Narrowbanding

- After April 15, 2012 begin working on mobiles and portables.
- Complete by the end of May for all disciplines.
- Infrastructure will begin changing the first week of June.
- Done by July.
- Non-narrowbanding equipment will most likely result in no ability to communicate.
- All fire departments received a letter regarding the timeline.

Other

- MedCom repeaters are on a maintenance contract
- Pagers – need 93 for fire. 106 available
- Portable repeaters will be purchase for VHF & UHF systems as back-up
- Microwave equipment received and installation should start within the month.
- The State has no interest in a regional dispatch project Too many failed projects right now to move forward with our request.

- Equipment and infrastructure of IP based deliver of wireless calls has been installed and testing continues.
- Cellular 911 calls re-routing continues.
- A contract was submitted to county council for a new TENS system. All web based and allows for registration of cell phones.
- Mapping issues continue. A new program is being tested.

### **EMS Availability Statuses Update**

Communication to dispatch is essential when EMS is transporting a different hospital. You must report

### **New Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist (RDMHS)**

**RMDHS** is now Todd Frandsen – Work # 530-722-6615, Cell # 530-204-7049, SSV EMS # 530-410-6008, email address: [todd.frandsen@ssvems.com](mailto:todd.frandsen@ssvems.com). Todd is available to help with various plans, trainings and resources. Todd is the liaison between the State and us.

### **Emergency Response accessibility during the Winter**

During snowy Plumas county months, accessibility to Bucks Lake & LaPorte are closed down. In the past, snowmobile advocates have assisted ambulance, search & rescue and fire respond to incidents. A discussion took place about continuing to page Bucks Lake Fire and LaPorte for the responders that do stay during the snowy months and to respond.

### **Other Reports**

Steve thanks Mike Grant for getting 8 ventilators for our county.

### **Trainings**

Golden Guardian – May 2012 – Working on a table top exercise with Plumas Unified School District. An armed intruder incident at Greenville High School.

CERT – Community Emergency Response Training is a basic training for community members to learn how to help during a disaster.

HICS Training – April 2012 – teaching the skilled nursing facility ICS.

Field Day – June 20<sup>th</sup> – MCI response – Learn about what went well and what didn't to various tragic events. Exercise/drill with moulage. To sign up, contact [loripini@countyofplumas.com](mailto:loripini@countyofplumas.com)

Pre Hospital Conference – April 28, 2012

Individual Preparedness Workshop – March 10<sup>th</sup> – open to the public. Gets people thinking ahead on preparedness.

### **Agency Reports**

Red Cross – Michelle Perkins is introduced. She is the new Director of the North Eastern Chapter of Red Cross. Reminds everyone about the disaster trailers and Emergency Response Vehicle (housed in Chester). If you would like shelter training, please let them know.

NorCal –

- Reminder to register for the pre-hospital training.
- Steve Tolen is now a member of the NorCal board.
- First responder program – 4 hour difference from first responder to EMR.
- If EMR is formalized, there will be a scope of practice done. Many questions are still being answered.
- Paramedic regulation in draft form.
- New medications have been added to scope of practice.
- CQI webinar on March 27th

**Business to be addressed at the next EMCC Meeting**

**Save the date: Next meeting June 13, 2012**

Adjourned:

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