

Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee Minutes

June 13, 2012 ~ 9:00 am – 11:00 am
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

Carl McDonald, Greenhorn Fire

Keith Mahan, Ag Commissioner

Becky Grant, PC Sheriff Office

Tina Venable, Health Department

DeDe Davis, Mountain Lifeflight

Larry Trotter, American Red Cross

Tracy Studer, Health Department

Steve Waldeck, EPHC

Robbie Cassou, Quincy Fire

Kara Davis, Norcal – via phone

Pat Bonnett, PC Risk Manager

Linda McCurdy, Seneca – via phone

Dana Anderson, Mountain Lifeflight – via phone

Introductions

March Minutes

Approved as submitted.

Updated contact information

Reviewed

OES Update

Fire Prevention –

- Articles regarding fire prevention submitted to the newspaper.
- Continuous work on annexation of homes that are located out of a fire prevention district.
- Fire response maps are being updated.
- Greenhorn fire received a Firewise grant to promote fire prevention.
- Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan will be updated. It is required by FEMA to be updated every 5 years.
- Disaster Service Worker program – updated, identification badges issued to RACES.

Communications/Dispatch

- Narrowbanding - Equipment problems on the fire side and sheriff department sides.
- 2/3 of microwave is up
- 106 pagers were dispersed to fire departments
- Currently have 19 repeaters
- 10 base stations
- CHP's radio equipment in their new cars no longer have VHF capability so they cannot communicate directly with the SO or Fire. Huge communication issue. No ability to communicate to each other.

- Around 94% of cell phone 911 calls are received by Plumas County Sheriff's Department.
- Difficult to track where a person is at when called in by cell phone unless their GPS is turned on. Otherwise, there is a delay in response.
- DeltAlert – new telephone emergency response (TENS) system is up and running. It is web based, uses google maps, you can register your cell phone and email address. Landlines are already there.

Hospitals – requesting helicopters

Dana Anderson – via telephone

- In an audit of calls that Mountain Life Flight (MLF) has been dispatched on, the last time Plumas County used them was in September 2010.
- Quincy lies in MLF response area. How is a helicopter request processed?
- Sheriff's Department – does not dispatch helicopters.
- It was stated that the nurses' station at a hospital determines what helicopter to call.
- MLF is the closest helicopter in our area.
- Search and Rescue has called MLF numerous times only for them to leave early and not help.
- After a lengthy discussion, it was determined to bring the players together along with NorCal to review the map and policy/procedures.

Public Health – Hazard Vulnerability Assessment

Time ran short to fully discuss this. A meeting on June 18th will take place to finalize. If you would like to know more or come to the meeting, contact tinavenable@countyofplumas.com

Other Reports

Trainings

- MCI – October – TBD
- CQI – July 31st
- Med Mac July 10th
- Commissioners meeting – June 20th
- www.emscultureofsafety.com
- Can add trainings to the NorCal website calendar including fundraising activities

Agency Reports

Business to be addressed at the next EMCC Meeting

Save the date: Next meeting TBD

Adjourned:

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