

Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee Minutes

June 5, 2013 10am – Noon (special time)

Plumas County Public Health Agency

Start: Noon

Attendance:

Lori Pini, Public Health/OES

Keith Mahan, PARC

Carl McDonald, Greenhorn Fire

Doug Hockinson, RACES

Steve Tolen, PDH

Tony Balbiani, Chester Fire

Larry Trotter, American Red Cross

Jerry Sipe, OES/Environmental Health

DeDe Davis, Mtn Life Flight

Gary Pini, Peninsula Fire

Frank Richardson, Social Services

Joe Edwards, CHP

Roy Carter, Greenhorn CSD

Mike Grant, PCSO

Becky Grant, PCSO

JeriLyn Anderson, CalEma

Al Lehenbauer, CalEma

Denise Lauffer, PDH – via phone

Kara Davis, NorCal – via phone

Tina Venable, PCPHA

Introductions

March Minutes - Approved as submitted.

Updated contact information - Reviewed

OES Update

Lori Pini, PCPHA/OES fills in for Jerry Sipe –

- Hazard Mitigation Plan – close to finalizing the HMP. It is available to review online at: <http://www.plumascounty.us/index.aspx?NID=2218>.
- Golden Guardian Drill – Very successful! Over 30 agencies, 100+ participants. Draft results of the survey will be available soon.
- Earthquake, May 24th, 2013 – Affected the Lake Almanor area the most. Damages should be reported by using this form: <http://www.plumascounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/10017>

Jerry's report

- Kudos to Dispatch during the earthquake. They had one dispatcher and handled all calls very well.
- Was not able to hear what fire was saying.
- Had not heard, until days after the earthquake that there were 3 injuries.
- 1800 customers were out of water due to the main had broken.
- Disaster declared on May 25th. CalEma assisted and responded promptly.
- Propane issues and water issues – a lot did not report the damage, but fixed ASAP.
- Peninsula Fire Fighter Andrew Courtwright did a fantastic job assisting. Great coordinated response.
- Utilities – PG&E did dam assessments – no issues found.
- Social Media in the works

Golden Guardian – Thank you for your time and commitment. Decon training is needed. A FRO Decon will be coming soon the Graeagle area. Hospitals need Decon training.

Communication/Dispatch – Narrow banding

- Bucks repeater needs narrow banding/needs a new home.
- Hoping to run microwave to Beckwourth.
- Indian Valley Fire has not narrow banded due to equipment. Still in the works.
- Lost 20% of coverage switching to narrow banding. Mostly in the highly wooded area.
- Board of Supervisors approved communication equipment to be purchase with Title III funds to cover the gaps.
- TENS – is now the Code Red system. It still works, but has some issues. All data transferred. New sign in on the web. With the new system, we will not be able to create groups to send a message to.

Plumas County Healthcare Coalition

- Recap of Coalition – will be on EMCC agenda.
- State required for Emergency Preparedness Grants
- Severe weather was discussed, including Policy & Procedures, cooling centers, high risk populations, etc... Additional plans are being worked on if there is a severe weather situation during the High Sierra Music Festival.

Trainings

Statewide Drill – November 21, 2013

Table Top Drill – September 25, 2013 – 9:00am - Noon

Cal EMA – <http://www.calema.ca.gov/TrainingandExercises/Pages/Training.aspx>

Agency Reports

California Highway Patrol – Lieutenant Joe Edwards welcomed. Discussed rocks in the roadways during the Earthquake. Hard to pin point rocks that were reported.

Dispatch – Emergency communication and cell phone article should be in today's paper. Public awareness on why and how it affects response.

GETS/WPS – Don't forget that if an emergency response lead would like to sign up for a GETS/WPS card, contact Lori Pini at Public Health. GETS/WPS gives you access for priority calling in an emergency.

Public Health – Hepatitis A surveillance is in process. Costco recalled Townsend Farms Organic Antioxidant Blend which was potentially contaminated with Hepatitis A.

Mt. Life Flight – Will be getting a 421 fixed wing to add to their fleet.

Plumas Amateur Radio Club – Keith Mahan is the new President of the club. In the Indian Valley area, we have not had any amateur radio operators. Greenville Rancheria is coming on board. We are very excited to work with them.

NorCal EMS –Working on AEMT procedures. Submitted EMS plan and core measures – updated annually. Dr. Rudnick is looking into the California Paramedic Program for rural EMS.

EPCR Program – providers on board with image trend. Next year, looking for skills.

PDH – did fabulous on the drill. July & August they will be doing training on HICS.

OES – Union Pacific – June 16-23, 2013 trains will be going down the canyon due to construction in Donner.

Other Reports

Business to be addressed at the next EMCC Meeting

Save the date: September 4, 2013 @9:00am

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