

Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee Minutes

December 4, 2013 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Plumas County Public Health Agency

Start: Noon

Attendance:

Lori Pini, PCPHA/OES

Keith Mahan, PARC

Steve Tolen, PCPHA

Tony Balbiani, Chester Fire

Jerry Sipe, OES/Environmental Health

Roy Carter, Greenhorn CSD

Mike Grant, PCSO

Becky Grant, PCSO

Denise Lauffer, PDH

Kara Davis, NorCal – via phone

Patty Lima, NorCal – via phone

Tina Venable, PCPHA

Bob Nelson, ARES

Brian Hughes, RACES

Jim Stockdale, Graeagle Fire

Introductions

Brian Hughes, RACES is replacing Doug Hockinson who moved to Oregon.

September Minutes - Approved as submitted.

Updated contact information - Reviewed

OES Update

- 2013 Statewide Medical & Health Exercise was a huge success.
- Currently mapping of various areas for evacuation routes and inventory.
- Greenhorn area will be the first area since they only have one route in besides the back roads. SPI has a lock of locked/gated roads. Assessing these areas and documenting them.
- Working with fire departments for mapping projects. Will categorize roads with colors to show how accessible.
- 20 areas have been targeted to focus on immediately. E-mail Jerry suggestions of areas you would like to see on the list.

Golden Guardian 2014

- Late May or Early June – TBD
- In the 2013 GG exercise, we had over 100+ people participate in a train derailment/chemical release drill. Successful of Multi-Jurisdictional response.
- 2014 – A functional exercise in Meadow Valley – Wildland-Urban Interface Fire.

Communication/Dispatch – Narrow banding

- A new base station installed up at Hough.
- \$13,888 a year is the cost to upkeep MedCom
- The annual cost will increase to \$20k in 2015-2016.
- Looking for funds to help with the costs.
- Will be outreaching to hospitals. They are a base station and have a responsibility to this.
- We will not be able to afford this in a couple years.
- We need to plan now.
- If we utilize fixed access balance, we will have no capital improvement money.
- Patty (NorCal) reports that every county is having these issues.
- Possibly after the 1st of the year, SSV, NorCal and Region III can address this.

- Dispatch reports that the multi-agency dispatching is working well. There currently was an MCI in Graeagle and will look forward to hearing about the after action report.

1st Responder update –

We are hoping for more participation from 1st responders. We understand that all have regular jobs and most volunteer. We highly encourage those that are available to participate in EMCC.

Graeagle fire –

- MCI – 4 helicopters at night at the Mill Pond
- Vehicle in the tree – 5 victims – all needed transported
- Sub-freezing temperature
- Two ambulances from EPHC, one from PDH
- Multi Fire Response
- After Action Report at the next EMCC

NorCal EMS update

- Legislative Issues – Senate Bill 669, Maddie Fund, Mobile Field Hospitals
 - SB 669 – Emergency Medical Care: EPI auto-injectors; this bill would allow first responders or a lay person to use an EPI auto-injector. Outcome: Chaptered. It does not cover 1st responders. Law affective January 1, 2014, but will take years to get in place.
 - Maddy Funds – SB 191 – EMS; the existing bill is due to sunset, this bill would extend the sunset indefinitely. Maddy fund and Ritchie fund. Outcome: Chaptered. Added that this bill has a sunset date of January 1, 2017.
 - AB 355 – EMS: mobile field hospitals; this bill would restore the Mobile field Hospital program and restore \$1.7 million in funding to continue the program. Outcome: GUT and AMEND – Property tax agents.
- HavBed drill during the Statewide Medical Health Exercise – our region was 100% compliance and the State was 91%.

Plumas County Healthcare Coalition

- 2013 Statewide Medical & Health Exercise – November 21st went well. Minor glitches included CAHAN, internet and CalOES online program. All will be resolved prior to the next drill.
- Still waiting for After Action Reports from Plumas District Hospital and Country Villa.
- Healthcare Coalition – working on State requirements to present to you. More to come.

Agency Reports

NorCal –

- The Region III MCI plan awareness level training will be scheduled starting in February 2014 to be completed by June 30, 2014. It will include face to face “train the trainer” and webinar capabilities. A blast email will be sent to the region once the training is complete and ready for regional presentation.
- Spontaneous HavBed drill recently and PDH was the only one that responded out of 6 hospitals in the Region.

Sheriff Department ~Eastern Plumas Health Care – no one present but a report given

- Critical incident which ended with a Sheriff Deputy shooting a patient.
- Sheriff Department is working with them to improve on their Policies & Procedures. They were asked to come out to discuss safety in the ER and talk to the nurses about calling 911.
- If other hospitals would like the same, contact Becky at dispatch and they can come access your hospital.
- EPHC implemented some great new security measures.
- If a hospital has an emergency, please call 911 instead of pushing your stored number to dispatch. Check your phones. Suggest adding a 911 button.

Greenhorn Fire –

- Mutual aid with Long Valley has been working great. Dispatch needs current staff lists from all departments.

Graeagle Fire –

- New Assistant Chief – James Arevalo
- New Captain – Jim Stockdale

Plumas Amateur Radio Club –

- When they received a message from the EOC, it is translated on to another form. The process is slow. You cannot send out to all hospitals at once. Needs to be directed to a person. Working on digital modes
- Hospitals need a liaison for the radio messages

Chester Fire –

- New Chief – Joe Waterman
- Holding a 1st Responder course tonight
- EMT class starts next week. Classes will be held at night and weekends. For more information contact Chester Fire.

Plumas District Hospital –

- All objectives were met during the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise.

Trainings

Center for Domestic Preparedness – Anniston, Alabama –

Attending: 2 Chester Fire, 1 PDH, 2 PCPHA – if anyone else is going, please contact Tina Venable at Public Health 283-6330

HSEEP – Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program – January 13 – 16, 2013

Other Reports

- EMResource – Instant messaging works great. If you would like to learn how to IM on the EMResource center, let loripini@countyofplumas.com know and she can schedule Steve to train your hospital. A mobile app is available also. Possible get Chester Fire Ambulance and Peninsula Fire Ambulance on this system.

Save the date: March 5, 2014 @9:00am

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