

## **Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee Minutes**

March 5, 2014

Plumas County Public Health Agency

Start: Noon

Attendance:

Lori Pini, PCPHA/OES

Keith Mahan, PARC

Steve Tolen, PCPHA

Mark Murray, Chester Fire

Joe Waterman, Chester Fire

Jerry Sipe, OES/Environmental Health

Roy Carter, Greenhorn CSD

Becky Grant, PCSO

Denise Lauffer, PDH – via phone

Dan Spiess, NorCal – via phone

Brian Hughes, RACES

Jim Stockdale, Graeagle Fire – via phone

Linda McCurdy, Seneca – via phone

Joe Edwards, CHP

Randy Fluke, West Almanor Fire

Cliff Sutton, PDH

Cheryl Pini, PDH

Michael Rodriguez, Red Cross

Robbie Cassou, Quincy Fire

### **Introductions**

**December Minutes** - Approved as submitted.

**Updated contact information** - Reviewed

### **OES Update**

June 1, 2014 – Meadow Valley Multi-Agency Wildland Fire Exercise

Preparations for a multi-agency wild fire drill have been in the works. Meadow Valley Fire, Plumas National Forest, CalFire, OES, etc... are working together to test plans, train, notify, communicate, and coordinate. Fire resources will be onsite in Meadow Valley around Pineleaf drive. Numerous firefighting trainings will be done on site. Evacuation of Meadow Valley will be tested. Shelter operations at Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds will not only be housing people, but animals and specific population that may need some medical attention but do not need to be at the hospital. Plumas County Fire Chiefs are assessing how many volunteer departments want to participate and train. Jerry is looking for people that would like to help design the fire piece of the exercise, but are not participating in the drill. If you are interested, please contact [jerrysipe@countyofplumas.com](mailto:jerrysipe@countyofplumas.com).

Drought conditions have the Board of Supervisors extremely concerned. They have created a drought preparedness board. Governor declared an emergency with a 20% mandatory reduction. Be on the lookout for more information.

### **Communication/Dispatch – Narrow banding**

- Microwave is working but not complete.
- Working with Lassen 911 for backup.
- SIMC equipment failure – backed up with paging. Plumas Dispatch can now dispatch on the West side of the county.
- CHP can talk to fire departments via radio now. Units can test at each department upon request.

## **NorCal EMS update**

- Legislative Issues –
  - 1621 – This bill would require the authority to develop and adopt minimum standards for maintaining and implementing a State Emergency Medical Services Data and Information System (SEMSDIS), which would include, among other things, data and information relating to pre-hospital care and specialty care, for purposes of determining and monitoring the quality and effectiveness of the statewide emergency medical system.
  - 84 – Proclaims the week of May 18, 2014 – May 24, 2014 as EMS week
  - ALTE – New protocol on Apparent Life Threatening Event (ALTE) – Request NorCal to give information to providers. Encourage to spread the word.
  - EMS Approved Abbreviations – using abbreviations can get you in trouble. If you use a different abbreviation and JCAHO checks your files, you can get in trouble. Abbreviations have different meanings.
  - CDPH & NorCal did a review of the past 6 years. CDPH was not going to reimburse NorCal and wanted NorCal to pay them back. NorCal appealed and it was denied. Over the past few months, there will settlement hearing and court appearances. Three members sent letters to CDPH to work with NorCal for a solution. Plumas County Board of Supervisors supported NorCal and it was commended.
  - Nominations being excepted for an amazing performance. Closes on 3/31/14. If someone has 20-30 years as an EMS worker, call Kathy at NorCal.

## **Plumas County Healthcare Coalition**

Medical/Health/Shelter/Animal group met to discuss the June 1<sup>st</sup> drill. We are anticipating opening a shelter, medical surge shelter and animal shelter. Local riding groups and 4-H groups have volunteered to assist the Agriculture Department with the animal component.

## **Agency Reports**

Plumas Amateur Radio Club – will be working the WUI drill. Will be testing various areas.

CHP – Two officers will going throughout the county to test radio connections.

Greenhorn Fire – thank you to Robbie Cassou on the Firefighter class Training

Chester Fire – Will be participating in the WUI drill. Can provide the MCI trailer if needed. Joe will assist Jerry on the planning piece. EMT training will be provided in June and Fire prevention 1C in April.

Red Cross – will be providing shelter operations in the WUI Drill. 8 new volunteers will be trained. Monthly meetings being conducted. Jerry requests a call down list to be provided to OES & Dispatch.

Quincy Fire – Safety day 3/22/2014, Live fire training 4/17 & 18

Graeagle Fire – February went to Alabama. Was amazing. Highly recommended!

20,000 Lives – community resources looking at how to create a network to bring resources together.

## **Other Reports**

## **Trainings**

**Save the date: June 11, 2014 @9:00am**

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