

Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee Minutes

June 11, 2014

Plumas County Public Health Agency

Start: Noon

Attendance:

Lori Pini, PCPHA/OES

Keith Mahan, PARC

Steve Tolen, PCPHA

Jerry Sipe, OES/Environmental Health

Roy Carter, Greenhorn CSD

Becky Grant, PCSO

Dan Spiess, NorCal

Bill Carlson, EPHC

Larry Trotter, RACES

Karen Hayden, Social Services

Bob Nelson, ARES

Tyson Rael, Greenhorn Fire

Tony Balbiani, Chester Fire

Jim Hamblin, Indian Valley Fire

Robbie Cassou, Quincy Fire

Daryl White, Red Cross

Warren Grandall, Meadow Valley Fire

Mike Grant, PCSO

Dony Sawchuck, PC Facilities Services

Fred McGrew, Greenhorn Fire

Tina Venable, PCPHA

Dana Anderson, Mountain Life Flight – via phone

Introductions

March Minutes - Approved as submitted.

Updated contact information - Reviewed

MCI Training

- Training package available at <http://www.norcalems.org/webcasts/>
- MCI Manual can be found at: http://www.norcalems.org/RDMHS/region_iii_mci_plan.shtml
- A local class will be developed with free CE's. Stay tuned.

MCI Trailers

- Those that house the MCI trailers need to take the above training.
- An MOU is in the works regarding the MCI trailers and what is expected of the holder of a trailer.
- Beckworth Fire has spoken to Eastern Plumas Healthcare about taking over the MCI trailer currently at EPHC. EPHC does not have enough vehicles to tow the MCI trailer. More discussion to take place.

OES Update

June 1, 2014 – Meadow Valley Multi-Agency Wildland Fire Exercise with evacuation and alternate care site.

- Over 170 people participated on a Sunday.
- After Action Reports are being developed by functions.
- Post meeting for Meadow Valley residents on June 19th at the Meadow Valley Church. Goal of meeting will be to encourage a FireWise community.
- Possibly plans for the Lake Almanor area for the next drill.
- Kudos to Jerry Sipe on the planning of the drill.
- Discovered that 38% of Meadow Valley residents did not have a landline. Search and Rescue surveyed the community and encouraged signing up their cell phones on Code Red. <http://plumascounty.us/index.aspx?NID=2163>

Communication/Dispatch – Narrow banding

- Work with the Eastside of Plumas County to get Z-Tron up.
- Law & USFS now hooked into tower.
- Beckwouth tower has batteries and generators. Fire repeater tied to generator. Microwave link recently timed out due to power outage.
- PCSO will be working with Lassen SO on fiber project. Lassen is purchasing the same 911 system as us so we can provide backup for Lassen and Plumas can back them up.
- Sierra County wants us to dispatch for them also. Unknown of what direction this will be going.
- Modoc County needs help also. ☺
- Mike offers a repeater that is no longer needed to RACES.

MedCom Revenue/Costs

- The Sheriff department took over the overseeing of the lease which costs \$13,325 a year.
- Public Health via the Maddy Funds provided money to assist with the upkeep and lease. 2013-2014 revenue was \$5,533. In past years, the revenue has been between \$17-\$18k. We will be short \$4,300 over next 2 years.
- A review of the Maddy Funds will take place.
- Maddy Funds = funding based on fines and tobacco money. The money then gets split 3 ways.
- Plumas County Sheriff Department should not have to pick up all the costs. Providers in the county will be asked to assist if no funding stream is found.
- Highly important to fix this now.
- Dan Spiess from NorCal EMS reports that other counties are having some of the same issues. The MedCom group is reconvening and this topic will be addressed.

NorCal EMS update

- EMS providers received, via email, a power point and quiz regarding the dosage amount regarding Fentanyl in which a Paramedic can administer. If you have any questions or would like the power point, you can contact the Medical Advisory Committee.
- Medical Advisory Committee – for folks to discuss everyday issues and modifications of policies.
- Dr. Rudnick now conducting case reviews. You can get CE's for participation. Tony Balbiani from Chester Fire attends every month and would be happy to drive anyone that would like to attend.
- Fee Changes – Plumas County Board of Supervisors approved the NorCal EMS contract which included an increase in fee. The fee has not increase in 4 years. All 6 counties have approved their NorCal contracts.
- NorCal EMS is Plumas County's LEMSA. LEMSA's are not State mandated, but if a county has an Advanced Life Support System, the LEMSA develops the Policies and Procedures and makes sure agencies follow those Policies and Procedures.
- EPI Pens legislative – did it get approved? Tabled to next meeting.
- North State Conference – April 2014 had 200+ in attendance. Modest registration fee. They are considering a Fall conference also. Tentatively October 25th. EMS providers were sent a 2nd email yesterday regarding if interested in a second conference. 7 CE's possibly for around \$50. In April, 24 people from Plumas County attended out of 240 certificate holders in Plumas County.

EmResource Training

- Steve Tolen spoke with Dr. Rudnick regarding JIT training for the HavBed System. HavBed is an online system to poll hospitals to see how many beds are available within our county. You are able to view nearby counties also. Event activation system also alerts hospitals and people of an incident. Instant message and conferencing is available on the system. Additional log ins are needed for multiple users at one location.

Plumas County Healthcare Coalition

- 2014 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise will be November 20th. Topic: Emerging Infectious Disease MersCoV.
- Planning meetings in the near future

Agency Reports

Plumas County Facility Services – A C130 can land at all airports in Plumas County. Looking to expand the runway at XXXXXXXXXXXX. Working closely with USFS in Chester. Lori mentions the MCI that happened in Glenn County recently. 7 helicopters circling the scene and coordinating. Request status reports from airports would be needed in a Plumas County MCI.

Quincy Fire – 42 people from 14 Fire Departments completed a 2 day burn class.

Public Health – Flu Vaccine issues – may have changes this year. Stay tuned!

Red Cross – Local assets ready to respond at any time ☺

Chester Fire – EMT training will be done in the Fall through Feather River College. Contact Chris Dean at Chester Fire for more information. Chris Dean 258-3456 to sign up.

Meadow Valley Fire – Appreciated all participation in the June 1 drill. Radio communication needs help.

Indian Valley Fire – nothing to report

OES – Cal Fire meeting last night in Greenville was held. It included ensuring what the intent of inspections are and educating the community. No complaints after an inspection. Discussion regarding drought and drinking water took place.

Social Service – looking for 1st Aid Training. Shelter Training from Red Cross needed. Rattlesnake training for dogs announced.

ARES – working with Plumas Amateur Radio Club and conducting trainings. Currently setting up at Quincy's Farmers Market for trainings and promotion.

Dispatch –

- There was a structure fire in Lake Almanor and Becky contacted Red Cross for assistance.
- Cell Phone calls – dispatch cannot pinpoint where the cell phone is at in our county. Dispatch is relying on the information the citizen gives. Be aware of your surroundings.
- Fire Department Training page – the Training pages are trumping real emergency traffic by not having dispatch, dispatch the training page. It is recommended that dispatch control the

dispatching of fire department trainings. Will be discussed at the Fire Chief Meeting on the 28th.

- Ztron – if you forget to push the # to disconnect, it interrupts paging out real emergencies.
- Backup plan for SIFC – now backup for S. Lassen in Indian Valley area.
- First Responders – it is policy that First Responders not cancel Search and Rescue until vehicle is up on top. If you call in and dispatch questions why you are canceling SAR, it's not you, its policy.
- Cell Phone issues –
- 911 and texting – soon will be able to get 911 texts. Location would not come up, so you would have to text where the location of an incident is at. NextGen should be up and running within a year. This will help locate a cell phone (same as Onstar). You would need to have this service "on" on your phone.

Greenhorn Fire – Tyson Rael is the new Fire Chief. Greenhorn Fire has 8 volunteers.

Plumas Amateur Radio Club (PARC) – need to work on message data sets. They have spots available to them at each hospital and Public Health. System checks are done weekly.

USFS Engine 325 housed at Gansner Bar has an AED on their rig. All trained and willing to respond to emergencies in the canyon.

Mountain Life Flight

- Responder with new rollout of CalCord – Chief Cassou mentions there was an email out around a month ago regarding CalCord. Not all are utilizing CalCord.
- Continuous trainings are being done. Working and training with the Prison in Susanville. The 7th addition TNCC is coming out. If you would like a training, please contact Dana Anderson. ITLS \$80 for 2 days and TNCC \$158 book included.

Save the date: September 3, 2014 @9:00am

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