



Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee  
 270 County Hospital Road, Suite 206 ~ Quincy, California 95971  
 (530) 283-6337 Fax (530) 283-6425



**EMCC Meeting Minutes**  
**January 10, 2025 @ 1200 to 1400 hrs**  
**PCPHA Conference room or MS Teams**



- Meeting in session at 12:04 hours.
- Attendance:

In-Person		Virtual	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Charles Schrammel	PCPHA	Chief Robert Gray	Peninsula Fire Dept.
Mark Thomas	PDH/CareFlight	Katie Russell	Sierra Co. PH
Frank Carey	Quincy Fire	A. Chief Jim Stockdale	Graeagle Fire
Sam Blesse	PDH/CareFlight	Jessica Thompson	Nor-Cal EMS
Bob Orange	Indian Valley Fire	Neil Cline	Seneca Hospital
Mark Satterfield	PCPHA	Chief Joe Waterman	PC Chief's Association
Chandler Peay	PCSO	Mimi Hall	PC Board of Sups.
Amy Burkhardt	EPHC Ambulance	Linda McCurdy	Seneca Hospital
Judith Cline	Seneca Hospital		
Tina Venable	PCPHA		
Lori Pini	Plumas OES		
Zoe Stancer	PDH		

- Roll Call of voting membership to set quorum.

Primary		Secondary	
Name	Present	Name	Present
Judy Cline	Y	Linda McCurdy	Y
Amy Burkhardt	Y	Zoe Stancer	Y
Sam Blesse	Y	Frank Carey	Y
Chandler Peay	Y	Tina Venable	Y



<b>Mark Satterfield</b>	Y	<b>Mark Thomas</b>	Y
<b>Mimi Hall</b>	Y		
<b>Chief Robert Gray</b>	Y		

- Approval of agenda for January 10, 2025 (no roll call)
  - Sam Blesse motions to approve, Dr. Mark Satterfield seconds. No nays or abstentions.
- Approval of minutes from October 2, 2024, regular meeting
  - Lori Pini motions to approve, Chandler Peay seconds. No nays or abstentions.
- Public Comment
  - No public comment offered in-person or virtual.
- Almanor Basin EMS
  - Peninsula Fire and Chester Fire in annexation process.
  - Providing Almanor basin EMS services w/support from SEMSA and CareFlight
  - Should have operational plan finalization in 1st Q 2025.
  - Money from taxation is not likely for 12-18 mos. Exploring alternative funding for staffing.
  - New ambulance should be in service by mid-July 2025.
- Indian Valley Fire Consolidation/LAFCo Update
  - LAFCO Study complete: Recommendation to incorporate Crescent Mills Fire into Indian Valley Fire.
  - Process is currently delayed over Brown Act issues.
  - New public safety center approval. \$1.5 million approved from PC BOS. All plans to PC Building Dept. by next month.
- Update from Nor-Cal EMS
  - Upcoming Medical Advisory Committee meeting February 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Working on updated MCI plan/protocol.
  - Pre-Hospital Care Conference will take place June 21.
  - Request to send staffing changes/rosters to Nor-Cal.
  - Upcoming: Image Trend for fire departments.
- HeartSafe Community:



- Update from Almanor Basin
  - Previously handled by Chester Fire, Pen Fire offers to step in, Sam Blesse will assist with transition.
- Update from Central Plumas
  - AED updates are in progress, training and updates with PCSO
- Update from Eastern Plumas County
  - Received four new AEDs including boxes, will be public placements, including Loyalton.
- PCSO Update
  - Chandler Peay (Interim Communications Supervisor) will now represent PCSO at EMCC, along with Jeremy Beatley as alternate.
    - Mike and Becky Grant are both officially retired, Mike will remain as SAR coordinator.
    - Radio: Med channel's 6 and 8 have been fixed, connected to REMSA
    - Currently have five dispatchers with two in training, one vacancy
    - Situation is currently improving, but dispatchers are new and young, feedback is appreciated.
    - Sierra Electronics will be contracted to assist when communications need repairs and updates.
  - Amy Burkhart requested a policy clarification related to assistance requests from EMS to PCSO related to an incident involving an autistic child and an inebriated parent. The request was denied and at the time there was confusion regarding the questions asked by dispatch following the request. Chandler stated there was not a deputy in the area at the time and the response time would have been similar to CPS response. Ultimately the child was left with a neighbor and PCSO came to the hospital, a referral to CPS was made. Recommendation for the future, make a phone call and ask for supervisor. Make sure request cites specific safety issue.
- Agency Updates
  - **Chief's Association - Chief Joe Waterman:**
    - Support sent to So-Cal for fire effort: 5 engines, misc. overhead.
    - Chiefs Mtg - 1/11 – election of new officers
    - Chief Waterman will be stepping down, the group thanked Chief Waterman for his service.
  - **Board of Supervisors – Mimi Hall:**
    - Mimi is now the District 4 supervisor and was appointed BOS liaison to EMCC. Supervisor Goss will be alternate.
  - **Graeagle Fire – Asst. Chief Jim Stockdale:**



- Four new recruits
- Getting EMT class through Feather River College.
- **Seneca – Linda McCurdy – Neil Cline – Judy Cline:**
  - Question regarding providing a nurse in ambulance for CCT during weather that does not permit helo flights. OK per Nor Cal EMS.
  - Hospital ready for MICN course.
- **Plumas County Public Health – Dr. Satterfield – Tina Venable:**
  - H5N1 is present in Plumas County wastewater.
  - Two severe North American cases so far (due to poultry)
  - Screening people with backyard flocks.
  - Utilizing respiratory illness dashboard.
  - LA County has had H5N1 in cats (related to food)
  - Rabies death in Fresno, bat bite, first in 13 years.
  - Fox in Indian Valley positive for rabies recently.
- **Plumas District Hospital (Zoe Stancer):**
  - Work continues on the Skilled Nursing Facility, anticipate summer 2025 opening.
  - Power surge at dental clinic recently, damaged some equipment, result of work at SNF site, reported to PH in situation report.
  - Participating in joint commission workshop.
- **CareFlight (Mark Thomas and Sam Blesse):**
  - New ambulance in service, Plumas 12, type 1.
  - Paramedics completing CCT certification, one completed, one waiting on national boards.
  - Planning and assistance will be needed prior to High Sierra Music Festival, new management this year, many of the contacts from previous years have been lost/changed – possible agenda item for next meeting (April)?
- **PCSO (Chandler Peay):**
  - New CAD system is coming online, likely by April, widely used system in CA, expect some growing pains during transition – RIMS by SunRidge.
- **Quincy Fire Department (Frank Carey):**
  - Loaned OES fire engine to Los Angeles fire effort, staffed by a crew from Redding.
  - Six fire fighters completed fall 2024 EMT course at FRC.
  - Four new applicants, academy scheduled for April 2025.
- **Plumas County OES (Lori Pini):**
  - Emergency Management Concepts course date has been changed to June 2025, will take place in Chester.
  - Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting taking place January 14 at Quincy Library.



- Gulling St Bridge in Portola being considered as a hazard for planning, EPHC has contingency in place, during previous issues Beckworth Fire staged resources on both sides of bridge; increase communications for response.
- **Seneca (Judy Cline):**
  - New hospital construction on hold for winter/snow. Utilities and infrastructure have been installed. Anticipated March 2027 opening.
- **EPHC Ambulance (Amy Burkhart):**
  - Good staffing currently, received approval for new ambulance
- **General note:** Hospitals will soon be required to have metal detectors. PDH/Zoe currently looking at how to practically implement requirement.
  - (POST MEETING: Link to CHA pdf: [CHA Metal Detector Facts - AB 2975](#))
- Meeting adjourned: 1319 hours

**Next Meeting, Wednesday April 2, 2025: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**