

## Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee Minutes

December 5, 2012 ~ 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Plumas County Public Health Agency

Start: Noon

### Attendance:

Lori Pini, Public Health/OES  
Steve Millert, USFS  
Niall Peacock, USFS  
Lee Mercer, USFS  
Karen Hayden, Social Services  
Keith Mahan, Ag Commissioner  
Judy Mahan, FRC  
Nick Boyd, FRC  
Becky Grant, Sheriff Department  
Edward Giroux, CHP  
Carl McDonald, Greenhorn Fire  
Robbie Cassou, Quincy Fire  
Mimi Hall, Public Health  
Roy Carter, Greenhorn Fire  
Les Hall, Public Health  
Louise Steenkamp, Public Health

Doug Hockinson, RACES  
Bob Nelson, ARES  
Steve Tolen, PDH  
Sam Harwood, Greenville Rancheria  
Danny Manning, Greenville Rancheria  
David Edwards, East Quincy Services District  
Denise Lauffer, PDH  
Rick Gullotto, PDH  
Jerry Sipe, OES/Environmental Health  
Linda McCurdy, Seneca – via phone  
Geri Jenson, Seneca – via phone  
LaTina Vanneti, Sierra Co. Public Health – via phone  
Steve Waldeck, EPHC – via phone  
Jennifer Griffith, CHP-Susanville Dispatch

### Introductions

### June Minutes

Approved as submitted.

### Updated contact information

Reviewed

### OES Update

- Hazard Mitigation Plan is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> month. The Baker group is contracted for a 12 month project of updating the plan. They have conducted area assessments and started outreaching to the community. They identified a lot of flooding issues in Plumas County that actually flooded last weekend. For updated information, please visit: <http://www.plumascounty.us/index.aspx?nid=2214>. Possibly will look at repeater infrastructure to include in assessment.
- Disaster Service Worker (DSW) – Quincy Fire Auxiliary group has been sworn in as DSW workers. They are available to help in various incidents throughout Plumas County. Julie Cassou has done a fabulous job with her program.
- Red Cross – would like to outreach for the development of a Red Cross group in the Portola Area. Jerry states that during an incident in Portola Area, Sierraville Red Cross members assisted. Jerry asks Steve Waldeck to send him some good contacts that might be interested.
- Propane leak in Delleker – liquid propane release. Great interagency response. Fire, law enforcement, social services, City of Portola, etc... The after action report was also beneficial. Thank you all responders!
- Storms – local counts were 12” of rain in 7 days. Most rain happened in a 3 day period. The EOC partially opened on Sunday to support localized flooding issues. Bucks Lake area was without power for a few days. Indian Valley area was out for a short period. Maggies

past Belden area has major flooding issues. Caltrans and Public Works did a fantastic job! Sheriff Dispatch was great also! Lessons learned:

1. We should have called RACES/ARES to activate for assessments due to the countywide impact.
  2. Would like to have a pre-identified list of contacts for each area.
- Statewide Drill – Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – a drill of 3 separate power outages and patient surge into Plumas County. The EOC was opened and provided support. OES role was small. Good interagency support. This was a first that communication was not an issue. This is due partially to the ARES/RACES group. Lesson learned:
    1. Communication layers identified – phone, email, cell phone, CAHAN, etc....
    2. Special districts identified with call down lists
    3. Country Villa needs to represent
  - CHP – has a main link to Caltrans. Always include so they can help. They have equipment spread out through the county.

### **Communications/Dispatch**

- If an ambulance is out of service – you must notify dispatch immediately! This will help in response times.
- Narrow banding almost completed. There has been loss of coverage in certain areas. If you find a dead spot, contact dispatch to let them know so they can try and fix it.

### **Mutual Aid**

- There are staffing changes happening at PDH (not concrete). Just a heads up that PDH will be utilizing EPHC as back up a lot more. Communication between both ambulance personnel and dispatch is essential.

### **Electronic Patient Care Record (EPCR)**

- Is free from NorCal. This tool provides reporting data from the hospital to the State.
- Discussion took place about tough books vs. tablets vs. laptops. Steve Tolen will research to get more information on what would be the best to use.

### **Trainings**

- Golden Guardian – May 15, 2013
- ICS 300/400 – taking signups

### **Agency Reports**

CHP – Would like to participate in the Golden Guardian.

Sheriff Dispatch – reminder that the Delt Alert System can put out a reverse 911 call to people that are near an incident. To register your cell phone:

<http://www.plumascounty.us/index.aspx?nid=2163> No need to register your landline as it is already in the system. This system can also do groups if created.

Quincy Fire – Fire Chief Association Meeting this Saturday from 9:00am-Noon.

FRC – Advanced EMT class is on the fast track and hoping by next year to offer it. New President at FRC very proactive in disaster preparedness. Recertification on NIMS needs to happen for new staff. EOP plan will be updated. Planning an active shooter drill. CHP would like to participate. They need to know the layouts of the schools.

East Quincy Services District – minor flooding

Greenville Rancheria – emergency operations room is setup. They will be training on RACES. Would like to set up a RACES station at the Rancheria. Working on Emergency Response Plans. Will be working with Red Cross for an Indian Valley Chapter. They have storage room for Red Cross supplies.

Social Services – four staff members responded to the propane incident to open an evacuation center. Currently working on an evacuation plan for the annex. Staff is interested in a shelter ops class and CPR.

Forest Service – planning a bomb threat exercise. CHP has a program that you may be interested in looking in to. They are currently conducting this course in the Portola area.

Public Health – sign up for various trainings – CAHAN, RACES/ARES, ICS 300/400, Shelter Ops

#### **Other Reports**

GETS or WPS program – Steve Tolen talks about these 2 systems that give priority phone service to the holder of a card. Possibly looking into having a lead in Plumas County on this program to oversee it. For more information on GETS: <http://gets.ncs.gov/index.html>

***After 37 years at Plumas District Hospital, Steve Tolen will be retiring. Steve will still be the lead on EMCC and on the board at NorCal EMS. We cannot thank him enough for all of his work, support and friendship that he has given us! Thank you Steve!***

#### **Business to be addressed at the next EMCC Meeting**

1. Golden Guardian – May 15, 2013

**Save the date: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @9:00am**

Adjourned:

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