

Kitsap County EMS and Trauma Care Council EMS Operational Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2009
Readiness Center
Bremerton, WA

Attendees:

Barb Lovato	KCEMS	Steve Engle	NKFR
Stan Plyler	BFD	Mike Wernet	SKFR
Rhonda Roberts	KCEMS	Butch Lundin	BIFD
Kim Doyle	Olympic	John Burch	Navy
Joe Repair	CKFR	Joe Schweiger	KCEMS
Martin Bennett, MD	KCEMS		

Called to order by Chair Steve Engle at 10:06 am.

I. Approval of February 18, 2009 Minutes

Stan made a motion to approve February's minutes as written, motion seconded by Mike. Minutes were approved as written.

II. Old Business

A. Policy Review

The group reviewed IV Starts, Blood Draw and Paramedic Recertification.

Joe Repair made the motion to approve the IV Starts policy with changes and forward to the EMS Council. Kim seconded the motion. IV Starts policy approved with changes to forward on to the EMS Council.

Mike made the motion to approve Blood Draw policy with changes to forward to the EMS Council. Kim seconded the motion. Blood Draw policy approved with changes to forward to the EMS Council.

Barb announced she would review at the base station meeting the recertification policy after it is approved by the council.

Joe Repair made the motion to approve the Paramedic Recertification policy with changes and forward to the EMS Council. Stan seconded the motion. Paramedic Recertification policy approved with changes to forward to the EMS Council.

B. Child Sexual Assault Protocol (State)

Barb presented the updated form with the changes she made from the suggestions at last meeting and some more changes she suggests. Mike informed the group that there is an RCW that will require some of this information. This form is to help the EMS provider record information that may be needed later by law enforcement. Mike volunteered to send Rhonda the Kitsap County Protocol from law enforcement to send out to the group for them to review. He also suggested everyone take the form back with them and review it and send any changes to Barb via email.

C. Cyanide Poisoning

Stan presented more information about the Cyanokit[®], Hydroxocobalamin. He also presented a guideline from Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad, Virginia. Dr. Bennett agreed he is more interested in this after seeing the information. Steve informed the group there is a protocol committee meeting next week. He could discuss with the committee and review where this could fit in and present it at the next EMS Operations meeting. Barb informed the group that there was a base station meeting in December of 2007 where Paramedic Dave Jose presented on cyanide poisoning. Dr. Bennett asked to review the DVD. He also inquired if he can make it optional for the fire agencies and Barb responded affirmatively that he can make it optional.

D. MCI

Mike presented the MCI Plan that was approved in 2007. Everyone was asked to review it before the next meeting to see if there are any suggested changes.

Mike discussed with the group the upcoming MCI drills in July. He asked the group if they want to be involved, run it, participate in, or watch and critic the exercise. The consensus of the group was to let the training officers run the exercise, but to have one of the Medical Officers attend the meeting. Joe Repar volunteered to be that individual. Kim asked Mike to have the training officers include Olympic Ambulance.

III. New Business

A. Policy Review

The group reviewed the I/O policy. John asked if this includes the ILS providers we have in the county. The group asked John how many ILS certified providers are with the military. He will bring the numbers to the next meeting. Joe Schweiger volunteered to bring back to the next meeting if it is a state requirement to have I/O's on all ALS ambulances.

The group asked for some formatting and spelling corrections. Dr. Bennett will review the Lidocaine dosage and will provide it to Rhonda to update the policy. This will be reviewed at the next meeting and we will also review the "Extension of ALS Protocol Privilege to Newly Certified Paramedics" policy.

B. Staff Updates

- Program Manager

Barb would like to start discussing with the group increasing the cost of EMT-B class. Kim asked if there was a recommendation for the amount. Barb responded she would get together with Joe Schweiger to formulate a price.

Barb announced to the group she and Kim went to the Regional Funding meeting. The request from Kitsap County was \$15,000 and we were approved for \$12,500.

- Training Coordinator

Joe Schweiger updated the group he just finished the EMT-B class. There were 22 students and 2 recerts. He has had individuals ask him about a recertification policy for EMTs. There will be another EMT-B class starting March 31. He would like to review with the Medical Officers and Training Officers how many EMT-B courses need to be held each year. Barb and Joe Schweiger would like to meet with Dana Normandy (Olympic College representative), a medical officer and a training officer to discuss when we should offer the classes through the college.

Joe Schweiger is working on putting together an IV-Tech class. There is a PALS class on March 27 and an ACLS-EP class April 30.

- MPD

Dr. Bennett is reviewing the downgrading of ALS to BLS transports. There have been some requests for him by individuals at the hospital.

IV. Good of the Order

1. St. Anthony's is now open in Gig Harbor.
2. Kid's Day will be June 6

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 pm

Next meeting will be scheduled for April 15, 2009 at 10:00 am.