

Kitsap County EMS and Trauma Care Council EMS Operational Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2009
Readiness Center
Bremerton, WA

Attendees:

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

Called to order by Chair Steve Engle at 10:18 am.

I. Approval of March 18, 2009 Minutes

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

II. Old Business

A. Policy Review

Mike made the motion to accept the Base Station Meeting Policy as written, motion seconded by Kim. Policy approved as written.

Kim made the motion to accept the Paramedic Recertification Policy with changes, motion seconded by Stan. Paramedic Recertification Policy approved with changes.

Steve updated the group that the state is making the push to National Registry. He discussed the possibility of having the following as possible test sites: Peninsula College, Olympic College, and the maybe the Regional office.

Rhonda presented a rough draft paramedic tracking sheet for the medics. She will email a copy out to the group for their use. Mike asked about the Kitsap County written test. Barb informed the group this was created several years ago. It was a comprehensive test for the medics. It was originally based on the Emergency Care on the Streets 10th edition book. She also informed the group that Elizabeth updated the test while she was here. She will contact Elizabeth to see which book she used to update the test. Dr. Bennett requested to review the test and he was given a copy. Barb reported the written test will continue until the National Registry testing for medics begins in the state.

Joe made the motion to accept the I/O Policy with changes, Dr. Bennett seconded. I/O Policy accepted with changes.

B. Cyanide Poisoning

Stan will come back later with the cost of the kits. Until there is a current price for the kits this issue will be tabled.

III. New Business

A. Excited Delirium and Suicide by Poison Gas

Steve informed the group the Chiefs have asked for more information about these two topics. They have asked Steve to do a little training class at one of their meetings. He would like to know what would be good information for this class.

Steve reviewed the possibility of a nasal spray to use on excited delirium patients. It was rumored that King County used the spray. He checked with his contact over there and they are currently not using any nasal spray on those patients. Our county uses Versed and Narcan.

Steve reported to the group about a new form of suicide using two chemicals Bonide and hydrochloric acid. The individuals close themselves in their car or a room and mix the two chemicals. Mike suggested contacting the Hazardous Material teams and see what the process is for them. Barb replied the biggest issue is identifying that it is a hazardous material suicide. Steve replied the suggestion is for the providers just to be a little more cautious when responding to an emergency.

B. Policy

The group reviewed the Extension of ALS Protocol Privilege to Newly Certified Paramedics. They decided with a couple of wording changes this policy can cover all medics new to Kitsap County. The changes will be made and presented at the next EMS Operations meeting.

C. Staff Updates

- Program Manager

Barb updated the group on the QI Coordinator position. There were six individuals that met the base requirement for the position. The committee chose three individuals to interview from the six. These three had some of the preferred training we requested. They were interviewed on Monday, April 13. The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, April 16 to discuss the results of the interview and choose the candidate. It should be another week or more to make the announcement.

She discussed with the group she has been working with Joe Schweiger on the cost of the EMT-B class. The average cost of EMT-B classes around this area is \$800. She will discuss with the Executive Board the tentative cost she would like to increase the class too. She will be meeting at the end of the month with one of the medical officer's representative, a training officer's representative, Joe Schweiger, Dana Normandy representing Olympic College, and herself to discuss the EMT-B class offerings at Olympic College. The question she posed to the group is why we are teaching the classes. Is it to train for the need for the county or just to train? When the class is offered through the college we have no control on who signs up for the class. Kim suggested the individuals interested in taking the class can go interview at Olympic Ambulance before starting class. This way the student would know if they will be able to work in the county after taking the class.

- Training Coordinator

Rhonda informed the group for Joe that there is an EMT-B class currently going. ACLS-EP will be held on April 30. He is working on setting up a PHTLS class for later in the year.

- MPD

Dr. Bennett announced at the next EMS Operations meeting he would like to discuss ALS to BLS downgrades.

IV. Good of the Order

1. Kim asked what everyone was doing for EMS week in May. Joe Repar announced the Pancake breakfast will be held on May 9. They will also have touch-a-truck for the kids.
2. Kids Day is June 6
3. Bremerton Ambulance has an agreement with Port Ludlow to take over care of the patients being transported by ferry during the Hood Canal Bridge Closure.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:00 pm

Next meeting will be scheduled for May 20, 2009 at 10:00 am.