



1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Call to Order at 9:03 am

B. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

1. Policy 3070/3071
2. Purchase of ipads

C. Announcements

None

2. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Minutes of BOD meeting; September 10, 2024

MOTION by Chief Christian to approve last month's minutes, as presented. **SECONDED** by Chief Moravec. The motion was **PASSED** unanimously by all members present.

B. Financial Update

Chair Chief Faucett reported the amounts in the checking and savings accounts

Checking \$28,062.84

Savings \$270,823.59

C. MPD Report

Dr. Hoffman discussed his activities, including lecturing at Tacoma Community College and attending the Governor Steering Committee for Trauma and EMS.

D. Monthly Staff report

Danielle was absent.

Tamarah shared her screen to present a PowerPoint to the Board, detailing the training provided in 2024. She highlighted the 15 classes she conducted this year, which trained 167 ALS providers, 50 BLS providers, and 75 initial providers. Additionally, she provided information on the costs associated with these classes, including a cadaver lab that cost \$31,930, while the EMT classes reported a profit.

Tamarah expressed concern about the shortage of evaluators for upcoming classes, noting that this could impact their financial situation.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS



A. Board Positions: Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer

Chief Faucett opened a discussion regarding the need for new board positions. He requested the board's approval to step down as the Chair of KCEMS and proposed nominating Chief Gillard to succeed him in that role. Chief Gillard accepted the nomination. Additionally, Chief Faucett suggested separating the treasurer role from the chair position and proposed Chief Josh Herguy for the treasurer position. The team agreed to these nominations, and a motion was made to formalize the changes.

MOTION by Joey Rodrigues to approve Chief Faucett stepping down as Chair and replacing him with Chief Gillard, as presented. **SECONDED** by Chief McGanney. The motion was **PASSED** unanimously by all members present.

Chief Faucett announced that Chief Moravec will continue as Vice Chair. He then nominated Chief Josh Herguy for the position of Treasurer. A motion was made.

MOTION by Joey Rodrigues to approve Chief Josh Herguy as Treasurer of the KCEMS Board, as presented. **SECONDED** by Chief Christian. The motion was **PASSED** unanimously by all members present.

B. Screening/searching patients before transport for weapons

Matt Brown from the Port Orchard Police Department discussed the legal limitations on searching individuals, particularly in voluntary transport situations. He emphasized the importance of having articulable reasons for conducting searches and respecting individuals' Fourth Amendment rights. Joey suggested the need for training and education on safely handling weapons in the field, as well as the development of protocols for such situations. Rosie confirmed that security takes possession of any found weapons and contacts KCSO to collect them. Dr. Hoffman agreed to discuss the issue further with the MO group and draft appropriate protocols. Chief Faucett highlighted the necessity for a policy regarding the handling of different types of weapons.

C. Business Insurance Renewal

Chief Faucett requested a motion to renew the 2025 business insurance included in the Board's material packet. He noted that there were no changes made.

MOTION by Chief McGanney to approve the 2025 Business Insurance, as presented. **SECONDED** by Chief Christian. The motion was **PASSED** unanimously by all members present.

D. Policy 3070/3071

Tamarah presented a policy concerning the Sims Mannequin. Although the discussion took place, the policy was not finalized because an updated checklist is required. The group also discussed policy 3070 related to the mannequin and considered changing its name for clarity. Chief Gillard suggested renaming the policy when it is next up for review. Tamarah presented a policy concerning the Sims Mannequin. Although the discussion took place, the policy was not finalized because an updated checklist is required. The group also discussed policy 3070 related to the mannequin and considered changing its name for clarity. Chief Gillard suggested renaming the policy when it is next up for review.



E. Purchase of iPads

Tamarah proposed using iPads for evaluations, a suggestion that Chief Faucett supported. She also requested four Microsoft Surface Pros, which would cost around \$3,000, to help streamline the evaluation process. Chief McGanney mentioned that he has four Surface Pros that need to be cleared by the city and expressed his willingness to surplus those to KCEMS. A motion was made regarding this proposal.

MOTION by Chief McGanney to approve buying four iPads provided that the Surface Pros would not be available, as presented. **SECONDED** by Chief Moravec. The motion was **PASSED** unanimously by all members present.

5. CHILD FATALITY REVIEW

Chief Gillard provided an update on the Child Fatality Review Committee, which operates through Public Health and examines all fatalities in our county involving children up to the age of 19. This committee is led by Sarah Kinier from KCPH, with Chief Gillard and Chief McGanney representing the EMS agencies. He emphasized the importance of including a representative from Law Enforcement and suggested that having a representative from St. Michael would further enhance the committee's effectiveness. The first meeting of the year is scheduled for March. Chief Gillard aims to improve communication with the Board members regarding the findings from these meetings. The goal is to explore ways to better utilize these findings, share information within the communities, and effectively communicate with all agencies involved in protecting children.

6. AGENCY UPDATES

SMMC

The meeting addressed ongoing challenges in the emergency department, particularly the high patient volumes and the need for additional beds. It was reported that the construction of the new tower is on track for completion by the end of the year. Additionally, the free-standing emergency room in Bremerton is set to open on March 4th. The urgent care facility in Port Orchard will close on March 1st to begin construction.

The hiring process for new staff is ongoing, with four new employees expected to complete their orientation soon. The approval of the international nurses program was also discussed, and interviews are anticipated to start within the next month. Tyler Owens introduced himself as the facility medical director at Bremerton and the assistant medical director at St. Anthony's, expressing his readiness to collaborate with everyone. Jeff expressed appreciation for the advanced technology used in communication.

OLYMPIC AMBULANCE

Joey from Olympic Ambulance announced they had acquired two new ambulances, which were expected to be in service by mid-February. This corresponds with the expansion of services in the area.

LIFE FLIGHT

Lori offered any assistance with the weapons policy. There are no other updates.

AIRLIFT NW



Steve reported on the challenges of inclement weather affecting their operations.

KCSO

No update

Kitsap 911

No new update

KCHD

Gib from the health district reported a high influenza rate and encouraged the establishment of bridge buprenorphine programs.

CKFR

No report

SKFR

Chief Faucett announced that they were interviewing additional candidates for the Cares position

BFD

No report

PFD

Gillard plans to meet with EMS agencies, doctors, and potential partners to discuss providing follow-up care for individuals receiving buprenorphine. He also emphasized the need for improved communication with Jefferson County, which had shown interest in updates regarding St. Michael's status.

NWREGION

No report

7. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Faucett conveyed his intention to focus on state legislation for EMS. He expressed gratitude to the council for their support. Although Danielle was not present at the meeting, during the review of the minutes, she added a huge thank you to Chief Faucett for all the support he provided over the past two years.

Attendees:

Chief/Chair Jeff Faucett-SKFR
Chief Jason Christian-CKFR
Chief Rick Lagrandeur-NKFR
Chief Pat McGanney-BFD
Chief Jim Gillard-PFD
Chief Jared Moravec-BIFD



Dr.Hoffman-MPD
Tamarah Hoffman-KCEMS
Steve Lemay-Airlift NW
Rosie Apalisok-St Michael
Joey Rodrigues-Oly Ambulance
Maria Jameson-Owen-Kitsap 911
Gib Morrow-KCHD
Chad Melton-St Michael
Kerrie Waddington-St. Michael
Lori York-LifeFlight
Tyler Owens-St. Michael

8. ADJOURN 10:00 AM

Approved 3.11.25