

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Matt Cagle, WCFD 7	Greg Macy, WCFD 1
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17	Tony Melillo, SWFA
Steven Cohen, WCEMS	Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14
Alissa Daschbach, WCFD 14	Scott Ryckman, BFD
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14	Rob Stevenson, BFD
Mike Hilley, WCEMS	Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Michael Lish, WCFD 11	Dr. Ralph Weiche, Supervising Physician
Erica Littlewood, Ski Patrol	

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 2023 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

No applications were submitted from Whatcom County for the injury prevention mini grant. Whatcom County will receive \$7500 for the purchase of vacuum mattresses. Two conferences are being planned for 2024: a community paramedic conference and a peer support conference.

Training Officers:

Chief Iverson is taking over as chair. Training Conference: on Feb 2nd they will have a panel of instructors on the challenges in the fire service. Classes will be on Feb 3rd and 4th.

CQI:

Working on the process and roles of the CQI committee. The CQI committee is in need of a co-chair.

TAB:

Discussed at last TAB meeting:

- 6th medic unit.
- Hospital image trend into epic interface.
- Medic class is going well. Todd Fisher will be the instructor for the next class.

Hospital:

The hospital is anticipating a pediatric RSV surge.
An RSV informational video has been put on Rescue Hub.
<https://youtu.be/RhzcFkCjf4I>.

The hospital discussed purchasing blue bulb suction cups that EMS can leave along with instructions for kids that don't need to be transported.

MCI Tabletop was successful with lots of participation.

New Business:

Subcommittee: Would like to have a draft for January Education committee meeting and then, if approved, will send out to other stakeholder groups.
Would also like to create a manual describing what groups do and have recommendations on what can be done better.

MCI Equipment: mostly consistent equipment with all the agencies.

Chuckanut Foundation is hesitant to support the mattress vacuum purchase.
Conterra is no longer producing vacuum mattresses.
There was discussion on using air tags to track the mattresses.

WCEMS Can do a Capital Purchase in 2024 to get mattress numbers back up.

\$20,000 in the equipment expense program to immediately buy some mattresses.
The council will spend \$15,000 to purchase some now and hopefully purchase more in 2024.

EMS Conference: Dr. Weiche and Dr. Wayne has offered to present and Dr. Wayne is working on having Dr. Peter Antevy to come out to teach.

R. Stevenson and Dr. Wayne are looking at the EOLife X ventilation monitor and exploring field ultrasound.

Need to make sure the OTEP scenarios include all the required skills and training.

Good of the Order:

There will be no December Education Committee meeting.
The next education committee meeting will be on January 18th

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm