

Washington County EMS Alliance



**Washington County EMS Alliance
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023
Off-Schedule**

Attendance:

Member/Delegate			Back-Up Delegate	
Present	Name	Jurisdiction	Present	Name
X	David Downey (Chair)	City of Hillsboro	X	Greg Espinosa
X	Jim Geering	City of Forest Grove and City of Cornelius	X	Patrick Wineman (Vice Chair)
X	Marni Kuyl	Washington County		Mjere Simantel
X	Rodney Linz	Banks Fire District	X	Andrew Cooper
	Deric Weiss	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue		Steve Boughey
Affiliate Member Representative			Backup Representative	
X	Randy Lauer	American Medical Response	X	Jennifer Romero
X	Larry Boxman	Metro West Ambulance		Shawn Baird
	Mark Buchholz	WCCCA		Jennifer Reese

Other Interested Parties/Staff:

Tim Case (WCEMS), Adrienne Donner (WCEMS) Gaby Rodriguez (WCEMS), Yera Castaneda (WCEMS) Alyssa Mooney (WCEMS), Jesse Bohrer-Clancy (WC EMS MD) Kristin Chaffee (TVFR), Casey Schein (LFN), Ben Sorenson (TVFR), Kathy Fink (WCCCA), Jennifer Fetterley (AMR), Megan Wever (WC Resident) Cameron Helikson (Tosoh Quartz) Tia Ho (Ride Connection)

Summary of Actions and Decisions

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Review and approve October meeting minutes.
3. Current Issues

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4. Strategic Direction
5. Workgroup Updates
6. EMS Updates
7. Good of the Order (Public Comment)

Opening Comments

Chief Downey opened the meeting at 1:00 PM and welcomed everyone.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chief Downey asked the governing board members to move item #2 Strategic Planning to the January meeting due to light attendance. The governing board members did not have an objection to the agenda change and the agenda was approved.

Review and Approve Minutes

Chief Downey asked the board members if everyone had a chance to review the October meeting minutes. Chief Geering moved to approve; Chief Downey seconded; the minutes were approved as is.

Public Comment

Chief Downey welcomed public comment. No public comment.

Eamon McMahon Washington County counsel is joining us at today's meeting.

EMS Alliance Workgroup Updates:

- **Dispatch data workgroup**
 - Last meeting, we had a discussion of Central Dispatch workgroup to resource management integration
 - Kristin Chaffee will have a good draft approved by Chief Boughey and Chief Weiss and send over to Adrienne for review as well.
- **Data Workgroup**
 - No new updates from this group
- **Transition workgroup charter**
 - No updates
- **Governance Documents Update**
 - No new updates

EMS Staff update:

- Multi-Agency Training is in full swing right now at the Blanton training location.
- Tim and Adrienne are going to the board to get an action item on the Administrative Rules for minor changes to match operations today and it is recorded and streamed live at 8 pm.
- First Watch First Pass work is continuing, and they are working with Gaston now too and most agencies have done or in process of scheduling the initial training.
- Data is flowing and making things work we are looking forward to the shift for data to come through county instead of Clackamas Fire.
- Washington County did a social media post on Facebook with regards to the partnership which was received well for the most part.

Agency Updates:

- **TVFR**
 - Roll out community paramedic program at the beginning of the year, goal to reduce responses to calls.
 - Advanced community paramedics can go in and talk with people to connect them to resources they can not attain through 9-1-1 system.
 - Please connect with Chief Sorensen if any other information is needed.
- **Forest Grove/Cornelius Fire**
 - Change in delegation decided by city manager the recommendation was to remain status quo and let Chief Patrick Wineman continue to do the great work he has been doing here as it has been very helpful over the last couple of days. Big thanks to Chief Wineman for all the work.
 - The new voting member for Forest Grove and Cornelius will be Chief Geering and Chief Wineman will remain a backup delegate.
 - Chief Downey expressed his gratitude to Chief Wineman for his collaboration as the Alliance vice chair for last couple of years and for driving most of the work in the transition workgroup, this does not change how much his knowledge will be needed still.
- **Banks Fire**
 - No new updates
- **Gaston Fire**
 - No new updates
- **Hillsboro Fire**
 - No new updates
- **Medical Directors**
 - No new updates
- **WCCCA**
 - No New Updates
- **MWA**
 - Subcontract implementation went very well and there were 6 calls yesterday and 4 today.
- **AMR**
 - New partnership with MWA started yesterday so they can provide an ALS ambulance when level 0 is reached. We believe there was 1 activation yesterday but going well.

Public Comment

Chief Downey opened the meeting up to public comment. There is no one for public comment.

Good of the Order

- The Strategic Plan remaining discussion will need to be discussed.
- Also the chair and vice chair positions will need to be discussed.
- Future in person meetings discussion
- Chief Geering would like to thank MWA and AMR for their partnership to help the west end.
- Wanted to address the media attention in regard to the email that was sent out to the group from Forest Grove somehow got to the media, so the media contacted them for comments, and it is important to Chief Geering that the group knows that it was not Forest Grove going to the media with this matter.
- Tia Ho from Ride Connection appreciates being part of this meeting as they address issues with transport in the non-Emergency transport side.
- Agenda items for next meeting please send them to Adrienne, Chief Downey or Chief Wineman and Yera

Meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.

Next meeting: January 25th at 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m., via Zoom

Minutes compiled by Yera Castaneda