

MASON COUNTY EMS&TRAUMA COUNCIL
BASE STATION MEETING MINUTES
MGH Learning Center
Issues in Trauma
October 20, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

MCMO: Terry Anderson, Marie Baca, Bill Barger, Barb Bodin, Tony Jorgensen, Phil Morgan, Adam Pfeifle, Brandon Searles, Kym Yates
Dist 2: Ryan Cleveland, Thomas Morrow,
Dist 4: Sean Autry, Mary Prentice, Greg Seals
Dist 5: Garry Davies, Abel Deffinbaugh, Dan Eldgridge, Sarah Engdahl, Victor Feist, Mark Frazier, Dan Griffey, Kelly Ann Gordon, Dan Griffey, Jim Hepper, Brandon Heggie, Travis Larrabee, Eric Moore, Darren Porter, Jeff Snyder, Rob Williams, Justin Zipperer
Dist 12: Sue Avery, Sunni Wood
Dist 18: Sandy Anderson, Gail Cochran, Toni Fain, Drew Walter.
Others: Carol Sinclair
MPD: Joe Hoffman

ISSUES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Mason County EMS and Trauma Council would like to extend their thanks:
1. A thank you to Dr Jurkovich, chief of Harborview trauma, for his presentation today.
 2. A big thanks to Josh Whitner, at MGH, who will be helping us get our base station videos online. Posting of videos is graciously done by MGH on their own time on their schedule. There is about a 3 week turn around.
- B. EMS Christmas Party
1. EMS Holiday Party will be at Dr. Hoffman's house on December 10th at 3:00 – till we throw you out.
 2. All EMS personnel and their families are welcome to join us.
- C. How are you on your OTEPs?
1. We are past the middle of the year. All paramedics and EMT/IVs techs, whose primary county is Mason County, must have six OTEPs per calendar year, to maintain their protocols.
 2. Check the spreadsheet listed on the website to see where you stand.
 3. Please look for incomplete sessions (x) or OTEPS you didn't receive the passing 70% (RV) for ones you need to complete or retake.
- D. Coming Soon: New Medicaid Rule
1. The new rule will pay only for three non-emergent ER visits per year. However, a visit is felt to be emergent is transported by EMS.
 - a. Some of our callers already use this "tactic" to get through the waiting room faster. But soon, others will figure this out as well.
 - b. We need to be on the watch for frequent users and appropriately triage patients.
 2. If you feel some of the patients are starting to abuse the 911 system. Please contact Dr. Hoffman for a potential care plan for that patient.

3. Occasionally providers have been concerned about patients living conditions, while an APS referral is definitely warranted, also contact the county building department. As to the inhabitability conditions of the residence. (Example: no power, no sewer, or running water).

E. PTHLS

1. We will be having PTHLS January, February, and March 2012.
2. Some people have desired a text book in the past. You may purchase a current version from Amazon or another online retailer around \$62.
3. As alternative, you can purchase a previous version for around \$10.

F. Web site and Video Library:

1. The video library is current through September.
2. July Base station video was corrupted. The sound did not come through. There will be no video credit available for this OTEP. You may only get credit if you were present.
3. April's ACLS OTEP was recorded for announcement purposes only. If you were not present at this OTEP, you can not receive credit for watching the announcements. However, if you have taken ACLS from an outside source, send a copy of your current card to Tamarah, so you can receive credit for it.
4. September and October will be ending their 6 month cycle and will be expiring starting the end of March. If you need a test, please contact Tamarah.
5. Videos will be available online for six months. Dr. Hoffman will not be burning DVDs of the videos. So watch them online, before they expire! Once you have completed the video, please contact Tamarah at tamhoffman@aol.com for a test.

G. Flu Shots:

1. MGH has secured some doses for EMS personnel.
2. Please pick up your district flu shots.
3. Dr. Hoffman would like to get all EMS personnel vaccinated- starting with first out, then down the line to volunteer EMTs. As soon as possible.

H. QI Updates:

1. This month's review was on Dispatching priority
2. The majority of calls were dispatched "C" priority. There has been a small increase in "Alpha" and "Bravo".
3. It is noted about ¼ to 1/3 of calls dispatched as ALS, (C, D, E) are downgraded to a BLS transport.
4. The majority of transports are still ALS.

I. Training Opportunity:

1. November 28th, 2:30-8 PM
2. Location: Harrison Medical Center, Garden Room: Silverdale Campus
3. Cost: \$25 for dinner
4. CME/OTEP Credit- you may attend this conference, then contact Tamarah to receive credit for the October "Issues in Trauma" Base Station.

5. Please look www.nwrems.org for more information.

J. Upcoming Meetings: the third Thursday of every month 2PM-6PM, MGH Learning Center

1. November- Pediatrics
2. December - Pharmacology
3. January - PTHLS I
4. February PTHLS
5. March – Trauma Practical