

MASON COUNTY EMS&TRAUMA COUNCIL
BASE STATION MEETING MINUTES
Issues in Critical Care
October 21, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

MCMO: Marie Baca, Riley Bair, Bill Barger, Shawn Beaton, Phil Berg, Sarah Engdahl, Jennifer Kennedy, Stephanie Sager, Brandon Searles, Kym Yates
Dist 2: Beau Bakken, Jess Fulkerson, Sharie Grosvenor, Jeromy Hicks, Dave McCarthy
Dist 5: Steve Anderson, Abel, Deffinbaugh, Dan Eldgridge, Mark Frazier, Dan Griffey, Jim Hepper, Travis Larrabee, Cass Monroe, Eric Moore, Rob Williams, Greg Yates, Justin Zipperer
Dist 16: Sandy Anderson, Terry Anderson
Dist 18: Gail Cochran, Toni Fain, Michael Mott, Michael Sexton
Others: Jim Verone, Carol Sinclair
MPD: Joe Hoffman

ISSUES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. We want to thank:

1. A big thanks to Josh Whitner, at MGH, who will be helping us get our base station videos online.

B. Video Library:

1. September base station is now online.
2. Posting of videos is graciously done by MGH on their own time on their schedule.
3. The base stations are being posted in a large size format in order to have a large screen size. This will take TIME to download.
4. April and May WERE NOT recorded due to malfunctions in the recording equipment. June and July WERE NOT recorded since they were OTEPs that you MUST be present to receive OTEP credit.
5. Videos will be available for six months. Once you have completed the video, please contact Tamarah at tamhoffman@aol.com for a test.

C. STEMI and EKG Strips:

1. Please attach your 12 Lead EKGs and rhythm strips to your reports
2. Particularly if you are taking a STEMI somewhere and you want the cardiologist to give you some validation you need to be able to show them your 12 Lead/EKG strips need to be attached.

D. OTEPS:

1. Paramedic Refresher Course: There is an upcoming course. IF THE COURSE IS ITEMIZED, Dr. Hoffman will allow you to "cherry " two of those topics per year to make your OTEP go from 6 to 8.
2. If you taken an alphabet course (PALS, NRC, ACLS, etc) outside our OTEP, please give a copy of your card we can then fill it in our OTEP spreadsheet. There a numerous ACLS and PALS classes available from MGH and Kitsap, please look training announcements on the website.

3. Want to know how many OTEPs you have this year??? Check Mason County EMS web site, www.masoncountyems.org !
 4. The OTEP spread sheet is currently available online,
 - a. Missing tests and retakes are highlighted on the spreadsheet. Therefore, if you have a highlighted spot in your column you need to contact Tamarah at tamhoffman@aol.com to get that test to receive OTEP credit.
 - b. Please look at the codes at the top if you have any questions.
 - c. The spreadsheet will be updated after every base station, once the tests are graded and entered.
 5. Need to make up some OTEPs? Check out the training announcements on the announcement pages for all the latest local classes.
 6. We are currently seeking news from all the districts: OTEPs, community classes, fundraisers, etc. If your district has anything they would like to post on the website, please have them send the information to Tamarah at tamhoffman@aol.com .
- E. CME Opportunities: These opportunities are updated on the website, both under the calendar and training announcements. All applications are posted on our website.
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| 1. <u>October: EMT – IV Tech Course</u> | Kitsap Training Center \$75 |
| 2. <u>November 3rd: PALS</u> | MGH |
| 3. <u>November 4th: ACLS</u> | MGH |
| 4. <u>November 5: PALS</u> | Kitsap Training Center \$250 |
- F. Recertification: January is one of Mason’s recert months.
1. If you have your paper work and you are ready, meet with Dr. Hoffman and he will sign your paperwork. If you have done yours by paper, Dr. Hoffman recommends you send your application to DOH by registered mail, since the state has been known to lose the paper applications.
 2. Dr. Hoffman strongly urges ALL applications to be ONLINE.
 3. Please get your application in EARLY.
 4. You must 24 OTEPs for the 3 year recert period with a minimum of 6 per calendar year.
 5. You can obviously make some of those up watching DVDs and turning the test in.
 6. Please check the spread sheet online and contact Tamarah at tamhoffman@aol.com to check how many OTEPs you have.
- G. Protocols:
1. Are on their way, currently they are about 85% done.
 2. There may be a short delay to getting them out but we are still hoping them to be January 1.
- H. EPI draws and injection by EMTs:
1. There is a powerpoint demonstrating the procedure which is be put on the web site.
 2. BLS will need trainers to teach EMT to how to draw them up.
 3. Dr. Hoffman wants these trainers to be paramedics preferably with their BLS evaluator.
- I. Flu Shots:

1. MGH has secured some shots 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.

J. Monthly QI Information:

1. This month we did Trauma Triage: Step 1,2,3 cases
2. We had 42 charts that meet Trauma Triage Criteria
3. Trauma Activations:38 cases of the 42 HAD NO MENTION OF A TRAUMA ACTIVATION
4. You may be calling in saying" I have a step 1 trauma", but if you don't write it down on your chart.....IT DIDN'T HAPPEN! It should be "I have a step I trauma ACTIVATION"
5. Coming January there 4 step activation criteria coming out with the protocol. Steps are pretty much the same.
 - a. Step1: vital signs and mental status : ➤ to Level 1 center
 - b. Step 2: anatomy and injury ➤ to Level 1 center
 - c. Step 3: mechanism- auto/fall: ➤ Closest trauma center
 - d. Step 4: special cases: young/old/OB, burns: Closest trauma center with the exception of burns.

K. Upcoming Meetings: the third Thursday of every month

1. Nov- Trauma lab - **MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE CREDIT! WILL NOT BE VIDEOTAPED**
2. Dec: Respiratory
3. Jan- Protocols/Case Review/CPR