

MASON COUNTY EMS&TRAUMA COUNCIL
BASE STATION MEETING MINUTES
Psych and Geriatrics
September 16, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

MCMO: Marie Baca, Riley Bair, Phil Berg, Adam Cain, Jake Frey, John Harpe, Brandon Heggie, Jaesun Hora, Jennifer Kennedy, Nate Miller, Stephanie Sager, Brandon Searles
Dist 2: Ryan Cleveland, Jess Fulkerson, Jeromy Hicks, Dave McCarthy
Dist 4: Bob Burbridge, Greg Seals
Dist 5: Steve Anderson, Garry Davies, Dan Griffey, Jim Hepper, Eric Moore
Dist 12: Sue Avery, Sunny Wood
Dist 16: Sandy Anderson, Terry Anderson
Dist 18: Gail Cochran, Toni Fain, Michael Sexton
Others: Jim Verone, Carol Sinclair
MPD: Joe Hoffman

ISSUES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. We want to thank:

1. We would like to extend our thanks to Harold Moller, for his MHP presentation.
2. A big thanks to Josh Whitner, at MGH, who will be helping us get our base station videos online.

B. Video Library:

1. September will hopefully be our FIRST video online. Posting of the video will be done by MGH.
2. The previous one is only a TEST video since it doesn't have the whole OTEP
3. April and May WERE NOT recorded due to malfunctions in the recording equipment.
4. 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. Policy changes and OTEPS: Paramedics have always been required to attend 6 base stations per year. Starting in July, IV techs are also being held to this standard.

1. This policy change should not be a surprise, since the draft policies went out and were posted on the web site to everyone in April-May
2. 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.
3. 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.

D. Want to know how many OTEPs you have this year??? Check Mason County EMS web site, www.masoncountyems.org !

1. 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.
2. Need to make up some OTEPs? Check out the training announcements on the announcement pages for all the latest local classes.
3. 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.

1. October 12-15: Resuscitation Academy Seattle
2. October 12: ACLS MGH
3. October 22, 2010: ACLS Kitsap Training Center \$250
4. October: EMT – IV Tech Course Kitsap Training Center \$75
5. November 3rd: PALS MGH
6. November 4th: ACLS MGH
7. November 5: PALS 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 have had 8 OTEP sessions per year, or 24 OTEPs for the 3 year recert period.
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. Upcoming Meetings: the third Thursday of every month

1. Oct- Issues in Critical Care
2. Nov- Trauma lab – **MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE CREDIT! WILL NOT BE VIDEOTAPED**
3. Dec: Respiratory