

Glenn County Emergency Medical Care Council

Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2015

Roll Call: Carolyn Cecon, Jenifer Norris, Diane Moss, Aaron Macias, Lori Finch, Eric Rudnick, John McDermott, Wade Elliott, Amy Travis, Traci Torres, Kathryn McDaniel, Grinnell Norton, Bruce Carpenter

Old Business

- a. Ambulance Task Force. No update. Need to schedule a meeting for after the 1st of the year. Add new Board of Supervisor member. HHSa will schedule a meeting with the Taskforce.

New Business

- a. American Red Cross has a new 24/7 dispatch number. 1-844-236-0153. One number for all emergency services provided by American Red Cross. Primary contact for response to house fires and temporary assistance.
 - i. For emergency shelter or evacuee center in Glenn County, please contact Sheriff's Office dispatch. Shelters should be requested by Incident Commander to Sheriff, and authorized by Sheriff prior to activation. Sheriff will contact Health and Human Services staff and/or ARC to establish a shelter as appropriate.
 - ii. Flyer with this information will be sent to EMCC by HHSa and to Fire Chiefs by Kathryn.
- b. Public Health updated their emergency contact list for the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC). Dr. Rudnick is now employed by Public Health working as the MHOAC along side Amy Travis. Updated contacts were forwarded to Sheriff and CHP dispatch centers. Please call dispatch if you need MHOAC for large incidents involving medical and health.

Agency Reports

- a. **EMS & LEMSA Report**
 - i. **LEMSA Report** – Dr. Rudnick provided the group with a report on updated EMS policies in process at Nor-Cal. Updated policies out for public comment are available at www.norcalems.org
Dr. Rudnick has been reappointed to the State EMS Commission
Nor-Cal is working with the RDMHS and SSV on the regional transportation and assessment plan for suspect Ebola patients.
State Assembly passed a bill waiving primary liability of the Health Officer for publicly located AEDs. This law will enable more placements of AEDs for public use by removing the primary burden of liability from the Health Officer. Contact Dr. Rudnick for specific information.
Discussed active assailant policy and need for training.

- ii. **Enloe Ambulance** –Aaron reported high call volume plus mutual aid to Colusa has affected response times. Additionally long distance travel results in long wait times for response. Primary ambulance is old and high mileage. Concerned about life of the vehicle.

In light of recent MCIs in the area and on the news, it was noted that additional training and exercises for EMS related to MCI response would be beneficial to staff.

Discussed satellite phone communications through the MHOAC program. It was identified that Enloe ambulance no longer has a satellite phone, but it would be a useful mode for redundant communications in a disaster and when serving remote areas of the County. Amy noted that HPP may be able to provide funding next year and that it would be added as a wish list item to be considered in the 16-17 HPP budget.

- iii. **Westside Ambulance** – Lori reported that their Board approved the purchase of a new ambulance. The old one will be kept in reserve for use in emergencies and as a backup. This will bring their fleet to 3.

b. OES/Law

- i. **CHP** – Bruce reported on an O2 bottle explosion in the back of a CHP car down south. They are finding that the medical O2 cylinders can break down overtime. It is important to service and maintain your O2 cylinders in any response vehicles to mitigate fires or explosions.

c. Fire

- i. **Orland Fire** – John reported that Orland is seeking a tax initiative in 2016 to provide funding for public safety such as paid fire personnel.

- d. **HHS** – Continuity planning in effect as retirements for key staff related to the emergency preparedness program will be approaching in the next 1 to 2 years. Dr. Rudnick has been hired to assist Amy with MHOAC program, Amy has been delegated additional authority related to the position, and Jenifer Norris will have increased presence and duties in emergency preparedness. Inventory management system database has been developed for tracking and managing emergency response resources. Carolyn is heading up this project and may be contacting partners with HPP purchased equipment to schedule a physical inventory to ensure the database reflects the current “real” inventory. Inventory will need to be maintained. We will coordinate with our partners as we get further along in this process to determine a procedure for maintaining an up to date “real time” inventory of our emergency resources.

e. Healthcare Facilities

- i. **West Haven** – Wade reported that he and Aaron attended the National Health Care Coalition Preparedness conference in San Diego. They learned a lot and appreciate the HPP funds to participate. They hope to participate when it returns to San Diego in 2017. Wade also reported how grateful he is for the HPP coalition and the EMCC forum as a way for healthcare to network and integrate with first responder organizations before a disaster.

Upcoming Trainings and Events

- a. **Nor-Cal EMS will be hosting a regional CHEMPACK training on Saturday, February 27th.** A flyer and more information to come. This training will be held in Willows. The target audience for this training is first responders (law, fire, EMS) and hospital emergency department staff. Contact Amy or Eric for more information.
- b. **ICS 300-400 training (intermediate and advanced ICS)** – Tehama County and Plumas County will be hosting both ICS 300 and 400 trainings for FREE. They have opened it up to Glenn County personnel. See attached flyers for details. Tehama County class: February 1st-3rd (ICS 300) February 3rd & 4th (ICS 400) in Red Bluff – St. Elizabeth Hospital. Plumas County class: March 15-17th (ICS 300) and March 24 & 25th (ICS 400) in Quincy

Items for Discussion

Smart 911: Sheriff's Office dispatch has enabled Smart 911. This system enables residents to self-register online and provide various information that may be helpful to dispatchers, first responders, and emergency management. The registrant can choose from a number of suggested information menus to select what information they feel is critical to enter and what information they would like to share, it is completely up to the registrant. Information can be health related or potential needs in a disaster such as evacuation assistance due to mobility issues. Registrants entering a cell phone may also select to enable GPS location so that emergency services can pinpoint their location rather than rely on the vaguer triangulation from cell towers. This expedites response to the location of the caller. It is an exciting system with many great options. We need your help to spread the word to our residents to increase registration and use of the system. There are many outreach materials such as fact sheets and flyers on the website www.smart911.com

Nixle: Emergency text alert system through the Sheriff's Office. Residents can register their cell phone to receive emergency messages via text. Simply easy to use system. We need your help to get the word out to residents. Here is the link to the site for alerts and registration for Glenn County
<https://local.nixle.com/county/ca/glenn/>

November 4th Glenn County Exercise Report

Glenn County conducted a multi-agency tabletop exercise as a part of the annual Statewide Medical-Health Exercise series. Operation Toxic Cloud was based on a release of anhydrous ammonia from a fertilizer plant. This exercise was well attended and provided an opportunity to network and train together for a public-private response. Sixty-six people participated in this exercise. The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) after action report and corrective action plan is being drafted by the exercise facilitators and will be presented to EMCC at our next meeting.

Public Input

None

Next Meeting: March 9, 2016

Meeting adjourned 11:40 am