Minutes for Whitman County EMS Trauma Council
September 22, 2022

Agencies present: Albion, Colfax FD, Diamond, Garfield, MPD, Palouse, Pullman, Rosalia, VFI, WCFD #12, Guest Airlift NW representative Lynette

Meeting called to order 1904

Prior Minutes: Approved w/ corrections.

Treasurers report: approved

Checking: $1002.89
Savings: $10340.59

MPD: Dr.Lightfoot –

- Clarify position on masks: Wear a mask on every call, surgical mask is sufficient. If call is respiratory or COVID-19 related, wear an N-95.
- A complaint was brought up regarding a patient who was transported to a facility other then what they initially requested. Though patient did agree to go to an alternate facility, they still complained stating they felt coerced. This is a reminder to provide good education to your patients about treatment hospitals available, as a provider be cognizant of their wishes.
- Desire to add finger thoracostomy to ALS protocols.
- Question (Joe Handly): Can we check on getting D10 in the IV tech protocols?
    - Dr. Lightfoot will check into this.
- **Emergency management**: N/A
- **Whitcom**: N/A
- **East region**: N/A

Old Business:

- Vote on prior motion from 3/24/22 to amend *Addendum 001* (Bylaws pg 9):
    - Motion stated to remove line "No waivers to this requirement will be granted." and replace with: "Waivers to the 3-year requirement may be granted on a case-by-case basis, as approved in writing by EMS Chief and MPD. MPD must receive requests 2 weeks prior to class start."
        - **Motion** (Molsee) to amend: Replace "EMS Chief" with "Agency supervisor/designee" Second (M.Pillers), **Passed**

    - **Final motion:** Waivers to the 3-year requirement may be granted on a case-by-case basis, as approved in writing by Agency supervisor/designee and MPD. MPD must receive requests 2 weeks prior to class start.
    - **Motion passed**, see attached pg 9 for updated reading.
- **Bylaws** section 2.4, schedule for elections will be **updated** to read: President & Secretary will be elected to serve starting on odd years, Vice President & Treasurer will be elected to serve starting on even years. All will be 2-year terms.
- EMR class update: Class has completed with 3 students.
- Fair report: Thank you to all volunteers at the fair booth.

Committees:

Protocols: Jamie will send possible meeting dates to those on the committee.

New Business:

- **Motion** (John Lautenslauger): **Bylaws** amendment to 2.1 of Bylaws BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
    - Remove line: "Note that only the primary representative from an agency can hold any of the Board of Director Positions."
    - Replace with: "The primary or alternate appointed members for each agency can be elected to serve on the Board of Directors. No agency or entity may have 2 members serving on the Board of Directors at the same time."
        - Second: Laura Lautenslauger
        - **This will be voted on during our November meeting.**
- Presentation from Airlift NW: (attached information)
    - Now have a rotor wing at Davenport, WA.
    - Will not honor Lifeflight membership due to Airlift NW being part of UW, a public entity, gifting of public funds. Airlift membership is available to purchase however.
    - Flight physicians do fly out of Davenport on occasion.
    - No chest tubes performed.
    - 2 critical care certified RN on each flight.
    - Target launch is 8 minutes.

Upcoming Training:

- Upcoming EMT classes:
    - Rosalia would like to put one on this fall, November/December. Please contact Laura Laughtenslager if interested.

    - Colfax EMT class. Jamie SEI, Joe Handley SEI candidate. This class will run from Jan 10 – March 26. Contact Jamie if interested in attending.
- Airport: Tabletop exercise, contact Alex, or show up at 9:30 27th.
- Advance EMS, LLC: 2023 training slots are filling up fast. If you would like to contract with Advance for some EMS training contact Laban Molsee. All EMS topics available. www.AdvanceEMStraining.com
- Reminder: due to Thanksgiving, our next meeting will be November 17, 2022.

Agency Reports: Garfield, D12, Rosalia, Colfax FD

Meeting adjourned 2016

Laban Molsee
Secretary

Next EMS Council Meeting – Thursday, November, 17, 2022 - 1900
Colfax City Council Chambers

Addendum 001

Prerequisite for participation in IV-Tech and ILS initial certification education for emergency medical personnel licensed in Whitman County:

The Medical Program Director for Whitman County and the Whitman County Emergency Medical and Trauma Care Council by majority vote have hereby approved the following requirement for participation by individuals licensed in Whitman County to participate in initial certification for IV-tech or ILS.

- Meet all State of Washington requirements for participation in these classes.
- Be an EMT for a minimum of 3 years – This requirement is more restrictive than State of Washington requirements.
- Waivers to the 3-year requirement may be granted on a case-by-case basis, as approved in writing by Agency supervisor/designee and MPD. MPD must receive requests 2 weeks prior to class start.

This requirement went into effect in Whitman County on September 30, 2005.

Amended: September 22, 2022.

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WCEMSTC President

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WCEMSTC Medical Program Director

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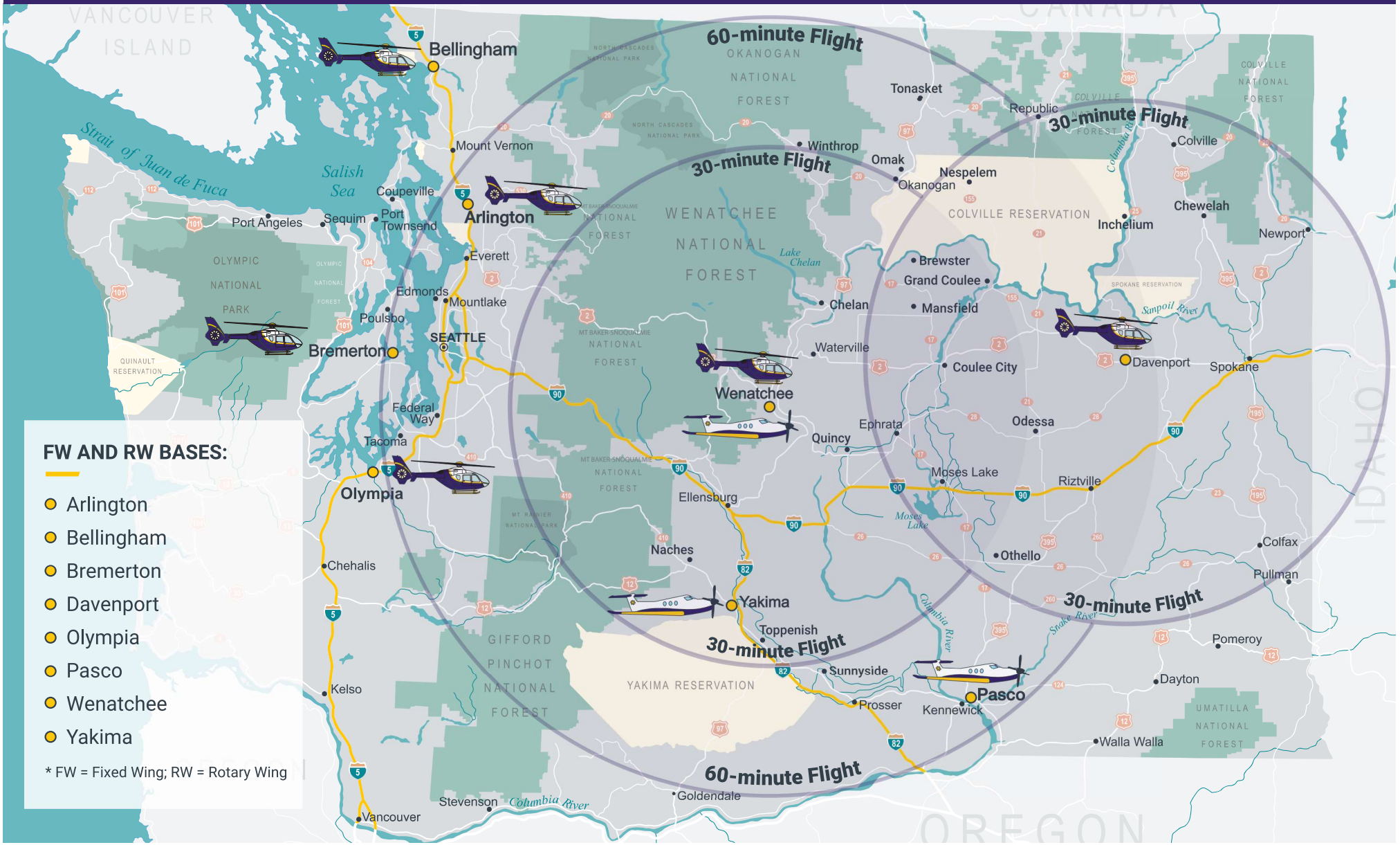

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Not-for-profit service of UW Medicine	**Yes**
Access to the expertise, resources, and technology of UW Medicine	**Yes**
Real time ETA on app	**Yes**
Medical Control in WA	**Yes**
Certified academic flight program by AMPA (Air Medical Physician Association)	**Yes**
Corporate Office in WA	**Yes**
PRBC & Liquid Plasma on every flight	**Yes**
TXA on every flight	**Yes**
Membership	**$60**
ISTATs on every flight	**Yes**
2 Flight Nurse Crews	**Yes**
Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) capability	**Widespread**
Flight Physicians	**Yes**
Numerous peer-reviewed academic research papers published every year	**Yes**
Pediatric Specialty Teams with Seattle Children's and Mary Bridge	**Yes**
WA Based ECMO team/balloon pump/cardiac assist team	**Yes**

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#1 BEFORE HELICOPTER ARRIVES

ACTIVATE US EARLY!
Call us as soon as possible for the most rapid response.

Select LZ location at/near incident site*

Send us directly to the scene if possible.

- **15' x 15'** landing gear touchdown area
- **100' x 100'** for all operations
- Clear of obstructions/ overhead wires

- Less than **10** degree slope
- Roadway, school, parking lot or field
- If very rural, consider GPS locator

* ***We can also land at non-established LZs. Always make sure that all safety precautions are met, including moving dumpsters, clearing debris and making sure that there are no obstructions.***

Inspect the landing zone (LZ):

Landing zones should be clear of:

- Debris and unsecured materials and brush taller than knee high

- If the LZ is dusty or covered in loose grass, spraying the area with water helps but is not necessary

Prepare a brief LZ description:

- Note overhead wires, light standards, radio towers, fences, obstruction or other hazards in relation to compass bearings (N,S,E,W)
- Note surface winds and visibility (N,S,E,W)

Observe LZ safety and security:

- Fire department personnel should maintain a 200' perimeter for bystanders, from aircraft arrival through departure
- **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (vision and hearing protection) should be used**

Minimize LZ lighting issues:

- No white strobe lights. Use red lights to assist in noting location
- Flares are OK as long as they are not a fire hazard due to the helicopter downwash
- All white lights, such as headlights, should be OFF during landing and takeoff to protect pilot's night vision
- Do not spotlight overhead hazards; park a vehicle beneath overhead hazards

The acronym *SO WHAT* can help you easily recall these instructions in a pinch.

- **(S) Suitability**
- **(O) Obstructions**
- **(W) Winds**
- **(H) Height of Obstructions**
- **(A) Axis of Landing**
- **(T) Terrain**

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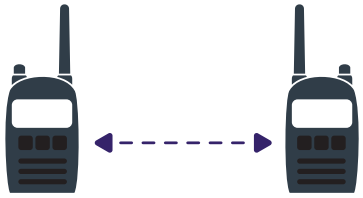
#2 HELICOPTER ARRIVAL AND LANDING

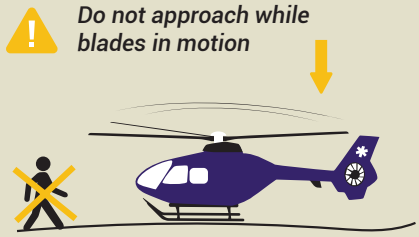
As the helicopter approaches the landing zone, be sure to:

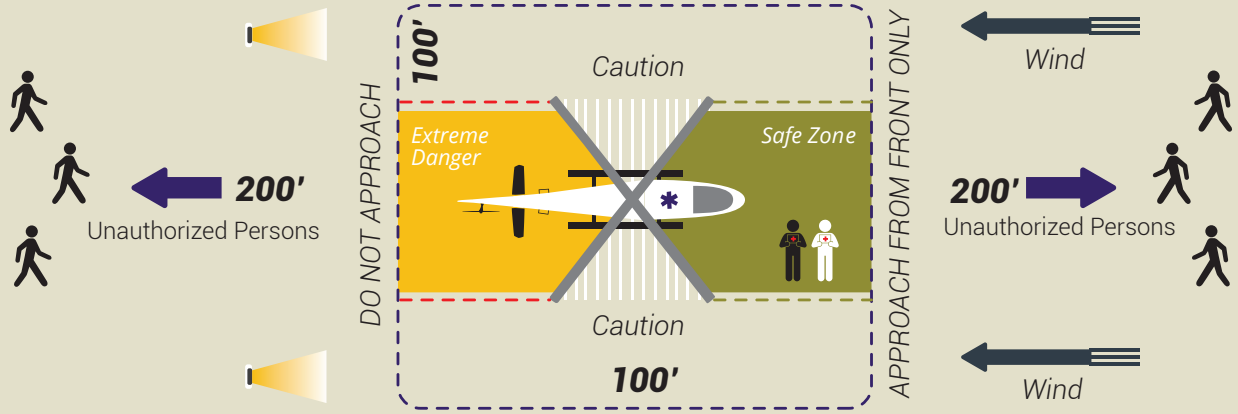
- Brief the pilot prior to arrival, noting locations of known hazards in the LZ area
- Remain in two-way radio contact throughout landing
- If landing on a roadway, make sure to halt traffic for the duration of the evacuation
- ***If there are safety concerns, a pilot may need to request the LZ be moved. Be prepared to call off landing if LZ or helicopter approach becomes unsafe.***



While the helicopter is in the LZ:

- **DO NOT APPROACH** the helicopter until the rotor blades have stopped
- Approach the helicopter only from the front, once directed by the flight crew
- **DO NOT WALK AROUND THE TAIL**, even when aircraft is shut down
- Maintain the LZ security and light restrictions at all times
- Review known hazards with the pilot before aircraft departure





#3 HELICOPTER DEPARTURE

The following precautions should be followed for helicopter departure:

- Clear all ground personnel away from the helicopter before the engine starts
- **NO ONE MAY APPROACH** after engine(s) started
- Re-establish two-way radio contact with pilot and confirm the LZ is secure
- Notify the pilot immediately if an unsafe situation develops

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