

Glenn County Emergency Medical Care Council

MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2022

10-11:30AM

NOVA CONFERENCE ROOM

MEETING CALLED BY	Amy Travis GCSO - OES
NOTE TAKER	Hannah Bergen Ziyadinova HHS – PH/EPO
ATTENDEES	Kyle Noderer (CAL OES), Alyssa Cordova (APCP/CUPA), Amy Travis (GCSO-OES), Rocio Gonzalez (GC CAD), Mary Thomas (GCPH – EP), Hannah Bergen Ziyadinova (GCPH – EP), Scott Studebaker (Westside Ambulance), Brandy Knop (Westside Ambulance), Dan James (HCFPD), Tom Arnold (BOS), Rev. Philip Zabell (Amateur Radio Society), Justin Gibbs (GCSO), John McDermott (OVFD), Nathan Monck (Willows Fire), Joe Vlach (Orland PD), Justin Chaney (Orland Fire), Travis Goodwin (GCSO) Virtual Attendees: Keith Kuperman (American Red Cross), Hilary Crosby (VOAD), Kristy Harlan (SSV-EMS), Michelle Cavier (GC Personnel), Ryan Bentz (GC Office of Education)

Agenda topics

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

DISCUSSION	Amy Travis called the meeting to order	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Amy Travis welcomed everyone.Introductions were made.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of the Minutes – No suggested revisions.Exercises: Amy Travis:<ul style="list-style-type: none">10/25/22 Glenn County Shelter Exercise had good participation. Key strengths and areas of improvement from the After Action Report were discussed.11/12/22 SAREx involved the deployment of the sheriff's office drone along with SAR equipment and OES resources. Key strengths and areas of improvement from the After Action Report were discussed.Mary Thomas: 10/20/22 Mass Vaccination drive through clinic was successful. Key strengths and areas of improvement from the After Action Report were discussed.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kristy Harlan: Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) has vacancies including Glenn County rep. REMAC provides a forum for flight medics, EMT, paramedics and other first responders collaborate and advise on the regional EMS system. Meetings are bi-monthly.Nathan Monck volunteered to be the Glenn rep on REMAC, Kristy will be reaching out with further information.	
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None		

AGENCY REPORTS

DISCUSSION

- **BOS:**
 - Tom Arnold
 - The new radio tower for Needham was approved and staff is being sent to Texas for training.
 - Drought is ongoing
- **EMS and LEMSA:**
 - Kristy Harlan, SSV-EMS
 - The Butte EMS RFP is in process and the bid will be finalized and announced in January. The depending on the outcome, it may impact EMS operations in Glenn.
 - The next Glenn County Ambulance meeting is in February. At the State EMS meeting, it was reported that the entire state is struggling with EMS staffing. Multiple counties have instituted BLS ambulances. LA county has implemented Alternative Transport Vehicles (ATVs).
 - Westside Ambulance
 - Compiling reports and looking at the cost of expanding ambulance services to Willows, should it result that Enloe is unable to continue providing the service.
- **Fire**
 - Dan James, HCFD
 - Chief James is retiring in February-March 2023. The HCFPD Chief position will be posted on Friday.
 - The issue on Sierra in HC has partially been resolved. The owner of the property is questioning what he needs to do to dispose of the half burned mobile home. It will need to be disposed of in an approved facility that can receive hazardous materials.
 - Nutrien Ag Solutions has applied to store UN 32 ammonium nitrate in large quantities at their site in Hamilton City. This presents a Hazmat issue. They were inspected last week. The current plan to hold the chemical in an existing (old storage tank on site) was not approved. A new storage tank is being considered. The on-going issue in Glenn County is the increase in hazardous chemical facilities and the lack of a HazMat response Team.
 - Chief James is requesting permission from Nutrien to place a radio repeater on the old sugar tower to increase radio communications in N-E county.
 - Orland Fire is getting a new type 1 engine
 - Nathan Monck, Willows Fire
 - The city council has approved the purchase of new radios
 - Can the city fire department(s) borrow county resources (i.e., excavators) to help mop up a fire?
 - Discussion followed regarding liability and personnel issues in non-declared disasters. This topic should be held directly between County and Fire Chiefs Assoc.
- **OES/Law**
 - Amy Travis, GCSO-OES
 - Drought Task Force will resume meetings in the Spring.
 - The September storms was proclaimed an emergency and is under executive review at the State to determine if State recovery assistance will be approved for the repair of road and drainage infrastructure. Culverts (drainages) are clogged with debris and will result in continued issues on FH7 and CR 309. Cal OES is sending a debris management team assess the sites and determine if technical assistance will be available. Fire resources can be requested to during storms that trigger debris flows to assist with clearing the roadway but cannot assist with mitigation.
 - A cyber security response plan is under development. It will be sent to IT experts to be reviewed once base draft is completed.
 - Kyle Noderer, Cal OES
 - September storms proclamation is under review
 - Drought on going
 - John McDermott requested Kyle to look into when funding would become available from the recently passed Senate Bill 450 that provides grants to small counties with special fire districts.

Acting Sheriff Gibbs and Lt. Goodwin

- The Needham radio tower has been approved at the board meeting on 12/13. It will vastly improve our radio communications in the county. The old tower unsafe and cannot be serviced. The new tower will be 106 feet tall.
- Work continues to consolidate dispatch with fire by July 2023. Discussion on an additional component (radio console) that needs to be updated in order to take on the additional radio frequencies that will come with on-boarding fire. The existing console is being phased out so there is a need to invest in a new console rather than add components to the existing console. The new console will come at an expense. Sheriff's Office is currently obtaining quotes and then will discuss with partners how to move forward on this project.
- Five new dispatchers have been hired and are in training. An additional dispatcher will be hired once existing dispatchers are off training.

Joe Vlach, Orland PD

- Orland radio upgrades have been in progress for two years and an additional one or two more years is expected to get a radio system up at Black Butte. We are working on interoperability with Glenn County's system.

○ **HHSA**

- No report.
- Rocio Gonzalez: CAD will be hosting an ambulance meeting on 2/1/23, lunch is included

○ **Healthcare Facilities**

- None present.

○ **CUPA/Air Pollution**

Alyssa Cordova, CUPA

- Received a grant for clean air centers. Air filtration systems will be allocated to local libraries which will act as public spaces during poor air quality events.
- New risk management plans are going out for public comment.
- New facilities that will store hazardous materials in County include: Maverick gas station across the street from Flying J. and a compressed natural gas fueling center across South St. from Grocery Outlet.

○ **Community Based Organizations/Other County Agencies:**

Keith Kuperman, American Red Cross

- New regional Executive Director Katie Menoletti.
- Working on increasing capacity for next year. Will be using Glenn County Fairgrounds as a regional staging center for ARC operations across Nor-Cal.
- Planning some "No Notice" Exercises to test operations. Will be in contact with OES and Social Services.

Philip Zabell, Amateur Radio Association

- On 1/28/23 – 1/29/23 at the Lutheran Hall in Artois there will be a large radio convention attempting global communications.
- Has been in contact with Alan Thompson from El Dorado County to get a "neighborhood radio watch" established in Glenn County – where residents would use GMRS radios when other communications are affected by fire or other events (example – cell towers burn in a fire.) The initial area to establish the program would most likely be Elk Creek. There is the potential for Alan to be coming here to present his ideas in January 2023.

Hilary Crosby, Butte-Glenn VOAD

- Working on volunteer recruitment.
- New intern starting soon.

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None.		

UPCOMING TRAININGS AND EVENTS

DISCUSSION	The following trainings and events are available and listed on the OES Training and Exercise Page
	○ Cal-OES Mitigation for Emergency Managers (G393) – January 3-5, 2023, GCOE – Orland www.csti.org

Next Meeting: March 8th, 2023, at 1000 hrs., EOC, 127 E. Walker, Orland - HHSA/NOVA Upstairs Conference Room