

Northwest Region Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Council

Hood Canal Bridge/DOT Planning Meeting

February 20, 2004

Pt Ludlow Fire Department; Pt Ludlow, WA

Attendees: Rick Gunderson Laurie Yarnes Bob Wilson
Wayne Kier Anice Grant April Borbon
Zita Wiltgen Jim DeCianne Patricia Willestoff
Ben Cooper Karen Blore Kurt VanDusen
Mike Danenberg Scott Hogan Sandy Kvarnstrom
Sandi Loentscher Deb Sampson Tim Gates
Aaron Espy Ron Sonmer Greg Walsh
John Callahan

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. Introductions were made by all in attendance.

1. Surveys

There weren't a lot of surveys returned prior to this meeting. The survey results that were returned were included in the packet that was handed out. They illustrate the increasing number of EMS calls over just a three year period.

2. Purpose for Planning

John Callahan, DOT site manager for the Hood Canal Bridge project, gave a brief presentation about the status of the project. The bridge closure is now slated for May and June of 2007 instead of 2006. This timeline could even be pushed to 2008. There will be two 80 hour closures in 2005 at the earliest, prior to the two month closure. The DOT is looking into boat options for use during the closure; they may either rent or buy a landing craft for EMS use during the closure however no additional funding is available at this time. The \$10 million which has been approved for the project is only for the bridge work; at the present time, funding for the proposed passing lanes around the region have not even been funded. There is additional mitigation information available on the DOT website.

A Public Information Campaign about the bridge closure will begin three years prior and during the duration of the closure. The DOT would appreciate assistance with putting together a mailing list of the agencies (fire, EMS, law, clinics, hospitals, doctors, etc) in your area.

Anice handed out a 'Hood Canal Bridge Frequently Asked Questions' paper and newsletter from the DOT website.

3. Agency Impact Planning Tool

There are two parts to the Agency Impact Planning Tool. The first is a survey that was completed during the meeting which lists how each agency will be impacted—either by the bridge closure itself, by the rerouted traffic or both. The second, more thorough survey, was handed out to each participant at today's meeting for completion prior to the March 15th deadline; the survey will be emailed to agencies who were not present at today's meeting. This survey will outline the specific impact the closure will have on each agency. From this survey, more accurate cost needs will be determined. All surveys need to be turned in to Anice by March 15th; she will then collate the results for presentation at the next meeting.

4. Cost Analysis Discussion

There was very little discussion about cost analysis. The specific impact to each agency, including additional staffing, equipment and transportation costs will need to be determined prior to making a cost analysis.

5. Administrative Tasks

All agencies were requested to start looking at specific MOU, DOH variances and protocol changes that may need to be made prior to the closure. Additional administrative tasks will need to be completed as the process advances.

6. Resource Identification

There was discussion about various resources that may be used during this project. Assistance from the DEM, military, insurance commissioner, FEMA and other such agencies may be requested, however, we need to determine the specific assistance we require before contacting any of these agencies. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

7. Resource Assignments

Preliminary assignments were made to Carol (DEM), Mike (military) and Tim McKern (FEMA grant writer) to check with their respective agencies to determine the type of assistance they may be able to offer. Additional assignments will be made when our specific needs are determined.

8. Next Meeting

The next Hood Canal Bridge/DOT Planning meeting is scheduled for April 30th in Union. Additional information will be emailed prior to the meeting.

9. Good of the Order

There was nothing noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.