

**Northwest Community EMS System  
Research and Development Committee  
FINAL MINUTES September 6, 2023**

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Follow-Up
<b>Call To Order</b>	The meeting is being held in a hybrid fashion, with an in-person option available at the 901 Building and an online option available which permits members to fully participate via their computers or using their phones. Meeting called to order at 11:02.	
<b>New Members</b>	N/A	
<b>Guests</b>	N/A	
<b>Minutes &amp; Agenda</b>	Agenda & Minutes were sent out prior to meeting.	<p>No additions or revisions made to agenda or minutes.</p> <p>Motion made to approve July minutes &amp; agenda by B. Toliopoulos. Seconded by S. McCrory. Minutes &amp; agenda approved unanimously by R&amp;D committee.</p>
<p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <p><u>EMS World Expo Attendance (S. Renshaw, BGF D)</u></p> <p><u>ITClamp (M. Sigler, AHFD)</u></p>	<p>R. Lettieri to attend, no additional discussion needed.</p> <p>Discussion on device and if it would be a good fit for the system. Device is part of the TCCC guidelines. Connie sent an email voicing concerns on whether the device would be accepted by area trauma surgeons and if the device fell into the scope of practice for paramedics in Illinois.</p>	<p>No action needed at this time.</p> <p>S. Renshaw to contact vendor to see if any area departments are currently using the device. Dr. Jordan will contact area trauma surgeons.</p>
<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <p><u>Benchmarking Trip to St Charles (Missouri) Fire Department (S. Renshaw, BGF D)</u></p> <p><u>King Vision aBlade (S. Renshaw, BGF D)</u></p>	<p>Dates were finalized with the St Charles Fire Department. Dates will be October 19-20. Separate email to follow requesting volunteers to attend.</p> <p>Current King Vision will be discontinued by second quarter of 2024 due to company making device going out of business. New video laryngoscope offered by Ambu will not be available by that time, so Ambu is pushing out a bride program utilizing the aBlade. Order placed for 140 adapters for all system King Visions. Committee will have to look at alternatives in near future.</p>	<p>Follow up email to be sent to committee by S. Renshaw.</p> <p>No action needed at this time.</p>

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<b>Open Session</b>	<p>R&amp;D members consensus was to encourage members to continue to bring products forward. This open atmosphere has shown to be welcoming to anyone to present an item for initial interest and evaluating if further investigation would be warranted.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Next Meeting 11/1/2023                      Motion to adjourn: R. Letteri Second: S. Bagdade - All in favor. Motion granted. Meeting adjourned at 11:27.</p> <p>Minutes respectfully submitted by: Susie Bagdade &amp; Scott Renshaw</p>	