

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



**DECEMBER 2017
M I N U T E S**

**Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Attendance Record for January– December 2017**

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		June		Aug		Oct		Dec	
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
Consumer	Loren Belton, YVCOG	Open												
Medical Control	Juan Acosta MPD (1/1-10/31/17) Ben Maltz MPD 11/1-12/31/17)	Designee	X				X							
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD	Open	X		X		X						X	
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, West Valley FD	Open			X								X	
Yakima County 9-1-1	Brad Coughenour, SunCom 911	Stacey Garcia, SunCom 911	X		X		X						X	
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, Manager	<i>Wendy Moudy, Training Coordinator, Treasurer</i>	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X
	<i>Diane Koch, Secretary</i>	None	X		X		X				X		X	
UPPER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES														
Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		June		Aug		Oct		Dec	
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
Fire Service	Ken Frazier, Gleed FD	Gary Hanna, Selah FD	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, VMM	Laurie Robinson, YRCMC	X		X		X	X			X	X	X	X
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	<i>Dave Lynde, AMR, Chair Elect</i>	Brian Ireton, ALS		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
LOWER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES														
Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		June		Aug		Oct		Dec	
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
Fire Service	Joel Byam, FD #5	Tim Smith, Toppenish FD	X	X	X		X	X			X		X	X
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Open	Open	X				X							
Ambulance Service	<i>Aaron Markham, SSFD, Chair</i>	Open, WSA	X				X				X		X	
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS														
Agency/Department	Representative	Feb	April	June	Aug	Oct	Dec							
South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council	Zita Wiltgen					X								

It is the responsibility of the representative to contact his/her alternate when he/she is unable to attend the meeting.

By-Law, Article III

- 1.1 Each seat will select one representative and one alternate to the Board of Directors. Each seat will be permitted one representative with one vote. Alternates vote in the absence of the regular representative. All members of the Board of Directors shall be selected prior to the annual meeting for the coming year.

- 1. Roll call** with 13 present. Ten representatives and 3 alternates. No alternates were voting at this meeting.

- 2. Guests:** Suzanne Beck, Airlift Northwest, Kyle Daniels, Airlift Northwest, Chief Mark Emery, East Valley Fire Department, Jim Johnston, West Valley FD, and John Nokes, ALS (attending in place of Brian Ireton).

- 3. Approval and correction of minutes**
Ken Eakin made a motion to approve the October minutes. Tammy Pettis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 4. Treasurers Report –**
Wendy Moudy reported that the current petty cash balance is \$130.03

5. Correspondence - None

6. Committee Reports

Medical Control: Ben Maltz, MD

Tony Miller reported that Dr. Maltz will be here the 20th & 21st this month. Dr. Maltz will be meeting with all 4 hospitals at 4 pm on the 20th.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

A. SSB 5751 – Authorizes the Department of Health to approve the use of non-medically trained ambulance drivers for municipal corporations in rural areas. A draft has procedure has been developed. It was reviewed with the RAC and PHTAC committees. The EMS Service license and verification applications will be updated.

SHB 1358 – Requires the HCA to develop a reimbursement mechanism for CARES programs established under the 5591 CARES legislation from 2015. The department is meeting monthly with the HCA to provide technical guidance about EMS and our processes for licensure and certification of professionals. (2020 may be enacted).

E2SHB 1258 Travis Alert bill requires the department of health to establish a work group to design a training program for EMS providers to improve management of persons with disabilities on the scene of an emergency. Work group members were identified and the first meeting was held on November 16th.

- B. Voucher program for EMT testing. The draft voucher and evaluation criteria for initial EMT testing vouchers were reviewed. The program is moving forward and voucher purchase will be staggered to allow for various class schedules. Vouchers are good for 1 year from purchase. Most vouchers will be for EMTs but a few will be for AEMTs as well. The vouchers are for those departments/areas that are rural and do not have the resources to pay for NREMT testing. The State will distribute forms soon.
- C. Prehospital TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) met on October 18th. The committee reviewed the draft strategic plan for the 2017-2021 plan cycle.

A two year extension for the pilot program in Kittitas and Yakima for a combination initial EMR/EMT course designed to increase opportunities for EMS initial training in rural areas. Potential solutions for access to NREMT testing sites in Washington State for rural areas is continuing to be explored.

- D. The Air Ambulance Workgroup meets monthly and is working on revision of the State Air Ambulance Services Strategic Plan. When completed, the plan will identify air ambulance assets and their geographical coverage, establish performance standards and goals for prehospital response and transport to trauma, cardiac, and stroke facilities, assess utilization, identify outcomes from previous plan cycles, suggest strategies for improvement during the next strategic plan cycle and provider recommended evidence based on peer reviewed guidance for the development of EMS patient care procedures and protocols for utilization of air ambulances.
- E. The PEDS TAC is working with Matt Nelson, program manager for EMSC (Emergency Care Services for Children's Grant). He has sent out the annual EMS survey to all EMS services in Washington. The information from this survey drives development of strategies and work to improve EMS care in Washington State.
- F. The EMS Education workgroup is currently updating psychomotor skill sheets.
- G. The Washington State POLST forms have been updated. Please visit the WSMA website and navigate the POLST for new forms (https://wsma.org/doc_library/ForPatients/EndOfLifeResources/POLST/POLST_Master_2017.pdf) and a summary of changes (https://wsma.org/doc_library/ForPatients/EndOfLifeResources/POLST/POLST_2017_revisions.pdf). MPD's were involved in the changes and notified of the new forms being adopted. The department is in the process of notifying EMS educators about the update as well. The MPD group is hoping for a POLST registry similar to Oregon.

H. Steering Committee

- Legislation: DOH considering the following
 - ✓ Increasing fees and fines to support trauma care fund (tickets and new car purchases)
 - ✓ Funding support for Cardiac and Stroke
 - ✓ Behavioral Health
 - ✓ Web based platform for the trauma registry
 - ✓ Concerns over quality of data in WEMSYS (not complete)
- Rules Update
 - ✓ Trauma designation – final analysis and hearing date
 - ✓ Trauma Registry – CR 101 filed and just opened.
 - ✓ EMS Rules – working on filing CR 101. There is a kick off meeting in Tumwater on December 20, 2017 from 10 am – 12 pm.

I. There were presentations on the Cost TAC (Cost TAC and Trauma Fund annual report) and Rehab TAC (Saint Luke's Rehab Community, rehab TAC annual report, Rehab data presentation).

J. Still lot of conversation on divert Statewide. Encourage WA to track data update on a daily basis. A capacity surveillance tool is being developed to try to figure out reason for diversions (i.e., is it lack of staff, lack of beds).

K. The MPD group is looking at the new national EMT guidelines and evaluating between where we are with regards to meeting them and where we should exceed.

L. The Stop the Bleed campaign on the hill is January 10th.

M. Dr. Bulger was elected Chair of the American College of Trauma Surgeons.

N. Local councils may receive training from Regional councils. After discussion the council would like to have a list of topics at the February meeting and pick a topic or topics. Would then like to have Zita attend the April meeting and give the training presentation.

SunCom 911: Brad Coughenour

The State is changing providers to TCS. The project is nine months behind as Century Link is dragging heels on pushing data over.

There is currently no funds for training due to a short fall at State. A discussion followed on call taker and dispatch training regarding the Travis Bill. DOH is working on the implementation of the training curriculum.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller

- A. We will be one of the first counties to put out information on the Travis bill. The information will be in either module 1 or 2 next year. Our OTEP will not meet the State training requirements.
- B. We have 18 students for the upcoming EMT Academy. We had 11 people that were non-affiliates, but we could not take them, because we are not allowed to charge for the training as we are not a vocational school. We are working on getting license. It takes about 4 months to complete the process.
- C. March 21st a full scale exercise for an Active Shooter is scheduled for the Selah High School. Union Gap is scheduling one for May at theater.
- D. We are looking at offering an Advanced First Aid course in April. Kittitas has already completed a course, but we have not heard results yet. We will try to offer multiple opportunities. OTEP will not meet requirements of maintaining an Advanced First Aid certificate.

7. Old Business:

- A. Response Times and Maps – Tony Miller and Dave Lynde
Jason Norris, with the State is working on similar issues in other areas of the State, where a suburban area is not truly there, just a few houses in close proximity, such as out in the Tampico area. These areas meet the WAC definition and since WAC is opening Dave Lynde plans on addressing this issue.
- B. Nominating Committee presented the following nominations for Chair-Elect Lori Robinson, for Secretary Diane Koch and for Treasurer Wendy Moudy. Ken Eakin moved to accept the nominations as presented, 2nd by Ken Frazier. Motion approved.
- C. Dave Lynde's membership as the ambulance service representative to the EMS Administrative Board is expiring. Ken Eakin moved to re-appoint Dave Lynde to the EMS Administrative Board. Seconded by Brad Coughenour. Motion approved.

8. New Business:

- A. Regional Council Appointment and Reappointment to the South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council. Aaron Markham signed the application that was approved at the October meeting for Tony Miller.
An application for reappointment of Dave Lynde to Regional Council was presented. Ken Eakin moved to re-appoint Dave Lynde to the South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council. Seconded by Tony Miller. Motion approved.

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9. Next meeting is the February 1, 2018 at 1:30 pm, Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services, 2403 S. 18th Street, Union Gap, Classroom B.
10. Meeting adjourned.