



ANNOUNCEMENT

Winter 2019 EMT Academy

The Yakima County Department of EMS has schedule a Winter 2019 EMT Academy for 30 qualified individuals. Unfortunately, at this time, we are unable to take students who are not affiliated with a pre-hospital EMS agency.

- Date: **December 8, 2019, 1 pm – 5 pm Pre-Course Mandatory Meeting**
 January 7, 2019 – April 29, 2019
 Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
- Time: 6 pm - 10 pm on Mondays and Thursdays
 8:00 am - 4 pm on Saturdays, unless otherwise noted
- Location: Yakima County Resource Building – Classroom, 2403 S. 18th Street, Union Gap
- Cost: No charge for students who are **affiliated with a Yakima County EMS agency supported by the Yakima County EMS levy.**
Affiliated Students who are with an agency not supported by the Yakima County EMS Levy will need to include a \$50 Application fee, which is refundable up to December 8, 2018. Once the student is accepted, the \$50 application fee will be applied towards the cost of tuition of \$1125. Tuition includes online workbook, online access to EMS Testing, student textbook and the use of other issued required equipment.

To register for the class please fill out the enclosed application and attach copies of pre-requisite course work and required documentation. Return completed applications to the Yakima County Department of EMS, 2403 S. 18th Street, Suite C, Union Gap, WA 98903 no later than **October 22, 2018**. If your application and documentation have not been received by this time, your application may be denied without notice. **All applicants are required to attend the pre-course screening and orientation, as well as a scheduled interview. Applicants will receive an email with the dates/times that the interviews will be held. Applicants are required to respond to the email to set the date and time for their interview. Applicants that are not able to attend the Screening and Orientation may be considered for the following year.**

The minimum qualifications and pre-requisites for all students are):

- Must be at least 17 years old when course begins
- High School Diploma or GED at the beginning of course
- Current CPR-BLS for Healthcare Provider or equivalent credential.
- Copy of a driver’s license or other photo identification

A course will be offered on Saturday, 12/1/2018. The cost of the CPR course is \$15 and includes your certification card.

An AHA Heartsaver course is not considered equivalent. Please contact the Yakima County EMS office to confirm your card meets the standard for national testing.

- NIMS certification IS 100.b, IS 200.b, IS 700.a, & IS 800.b <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>
- Professional liability insurance (see below)
- WSP Background Check within the last 10 years (see below)
- Health insurance that covers the student
- Drug Screening by Certified Lab within the last year (see below)

Vaccination Requirements (there are declination forms available)

- 2 MMR Vaccine or a Rubella/Rubeola/Mumps titer
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Tuberculosis – 1 Step within the last year
- Proof of current Hepatitis B vaccination
- Tetanus
- Flu vaccine is *recommended but not required*

All students are required to dress professionally at all class days. Shirts will be provided, but all students must have the following:

- Dark colored EMS Pants, Jeans or Slacks (pants are available for purchase for \$35)
Zero tolerance for “fashion jeans” or holes in the jeans.
- Black or dark colored closed toe shoes or boots
- Belt that is black or dark colored
- Shirts must be tucked in

All students are required to prove that they have medical insurance that covers the student (through work or private insurance or department) and professional liability insurance. Professional Liability – Student Coverage may be obtained by contacting: HPSO, 1-800-932-9491, www.hpso.com

All students must have a “background check” and “drug screening”. Forms are available for those students who need to obtain a drug screening (students must pay for the screening) on our website: <http://www.yakimacountyems.com/applicationforEMT-training.html>. The forms are for Yakima Worker Care or you may use another certified lab. A drug screening that was completed within the last year is acceptable. Proof must be provided.



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Background checks may be done on-line with the Washington State Patrol: <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/crime/chrequests.htm> Go to "WATCH" listed on left side of screen. A background check that was done by an agency within the last 10 years is acceptable. Proof must be provided.

Students affiliated with an EMS agency or Fire district will receive a course completion certificate from the YCDEMS, provided all requirements of the course have been successfully completed. To receive a Washington State issued EMT card, students must also:

- Successfully complete the National Registry Exam within 24 months. Note students must repeat a portion of the testing process if the cognitive exam is not completed in 12 months. Students are strongly encouraged to take the NREMT cognitive exam within 3 months of the last scheduled day of class.
- Complete the Washington State Initial Certification paperwork and return it to the YCDEMS Office for MPD signature. The paperwork will be forwarded to the Washington State DOH.

Those students who are not affiliated will receive a course completion certificate from the YCDEMS to receive a Washington State issued EMT card students must:

- Successfully complete the National Registry cognitive Exam within 24 months
- Comply with all requirements within WAC 246-976-141 (Washington Administrative Code)
- Complete the Washington State Initial Certification paperwork and return it to the EMS Office for MPD signature. The paperwork will be forwarded to the Washington State DOH.

The schedule is subject to change, as needed. If you have any questions, or concerns, please call the office at 509-574-2145.