



Emergency Medical Services Administrative Board

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EMS Administrative Board

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

1. Open the meeting

2. Introduction of attendees:

Board Members in Attendance:

Joel Byam, Fire Chiefs	Tammy Pettis, Yakima EMS Council
Gary Hanna, Fire Chiefs/Jim Lange taking Chief Hanna's place	Les Riel, Fire Commissioners
Dave Lynde, Ambulance, Chair	Julie Schilling, Mayors Association
Aaron Markham, Fire Chiefs	

Board Members Absent:

Kevin Hodges, MD, Medical Program Director	Tim Smith, Fire Chiefs
Tom Sevigny, Fire Commissioners	Sam Glanzer, Fire Commissioners
Ron Anderson, County Commissioners	

Alternate Board Members in Attendance (both voting at this meeting):

Nathan Craig, Fire Chiefs	Jim Borst, Fire Commissioners
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Alternate Board Members Absent:

None

Department of Emergency Medical Services

Tony Miller, ES Director	Diane Koch, Office Specialist
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Department of Emergency Medical Services Absent

Brian Ireton, EMS Operations Manager/Training Coordinator

Guest(s)

None

3. Open Public Input - None

4. Communication - None

5. Approval of minutes: Les Riel moved to approve the November 4, 2020 minutes, seconded by Julie Schilling. Motion passed.

6. Reports from committees/agencies

Tony Miller, ES Director reported:

- a. EMT Academy:
Down to 17 students out of 19 that started. Gary Conn is the SEI, and Brian Ireton is the SEI Candidate.
- b. Run numbers for 2020:
Stacey Garcia from SunComm has given us the numbers for the upper county. It took a little longer than normal, as this was the first time she has done this. The report looks a little different.



Ken Shipman has been emailed for the lower valley run numbers. Once the numbers are received they will be emailed out to the agencies. These will be in a full spreadsheet, so the agencies will see their numbers and everyone else's. Goal is to have the numbers out in the next week.

c. Budget:

The reports for Workday have just been built. Just finished building the financial reports so we can look at numbers from 2019.

d. RFP is still in process. Turned in and scored in January. The Commissioners reviewed it as of February 2nd. and did the initial award to AMR. ALS is appealing the award, and everything has been forward to County legal for review. It is expected to have a decision from legal within the next 2 weeks.

Chief Aaron Markham raised concerns because there are people discussing this process on social media and they did not have a lot of information. The County Commissioners plan on a media release to dispel the myths. Council minutes from the cities of Selah, Yakima and Toppenish and the letter from the Yakima County Fire Chief's Association all in support of this process. They will also be releasing a copy of the 3-part series in 2019 by KIMA. Chief Craig from West Valley Fire Department requested that information sent to the Commissioners be sent out all of the departments along with a copy of the RFP.

7. Old Business

a. SUNCOMM – flagging runs in which Nature Codes may change.

Confirmed with Chief Markham, that the nature codes are being changed as it happens.

Chief Craig reported that at the beginning of the year if a call was an EMR Red and then changed to an ambulance only call, it wasn't being revised immediately. He has contacted SunComm and yesterday a call came in and then was changed to ambulance red only. Chief Markham will confirm the change in the meeting tomorrow morning for dispatchers/supervisors.

b. New member packet status.

Chairman Lynde has been working on the packet and it will include:

✓ Every EMS Levy ever run in Yakima County.

✓ WACs and RCWs – regarding levy. Are there any other WACs and/or RCWs that should be added?

Requested that those who have been involved in the previous levies to review the information to make sure it is correct. Discussion that all of the RCWs and WACs should be reviewed by the levy committee to ensure it is still current.

✓ Meeting Schedule.

✓ Still to do, is a brief description of each department – guidance requested. The following was suggested:

The descriptions used to license and verify an agency with an agency renews their license.

A description of which groups the Board members represent, for instance the Yakima County Fire Commissioner Representative, Hospital Representative etcetera.

Discussion followed and it was decided the description would not be of each individual department, but rather a description of the positions and what groups are represented such as the Yakima County Fire Commissioners, Yakima County Fire Chiefs, Hospitals, Ambulance etcetera.

c. Instructor recruitment effort.

Commissioner Norm Childress was going to look into this with Human Resources, as he believed that HR would have the authority to change the wage for an EMS Instructor. Unfortunately, with the passing of Commissioner Childress, this has fell to the wayside. With the RFP and pandemic issues Director Miller has not had time to follow up on this item. He stated that he would add it to his "to



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do" list. Currently Commissioner Ron Anderson is the representative from the Board of County Commissioners for the EMS Administrative Board. The next County Commissioner call is on Monday morning and Director Miller will follow up with Commissioner Anderson to see if he will remain the representative or if this is an interim position.

d. Bylaw Updates.

The bylaws were sent out in a "track changes" mode with all of the recommended changes by the group. Are we ready to make a motion and approve the new bylaws? Commissioner Les Riel made a motion to approve the amendment to the administrative bylaws as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Jim Borst. Motion passed.

e. Updated Terms.

Yakima County Fire Chiefs Association: Replacing Chief Gary Hanna with Chief Jim Lange

Yakima County Fire Commissioners: Will be working on replacing Commissioner Tom Sevigny, during their next meeting (May 2021), as he will not be rejoining the committee.

The Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council: Reaffirmed Dave Lynde as the Ambulance Representative.

Commissioner Riel requested the Jim Borst continue to attend as an alternate representative for the Yakima County Fire Commissioners until after the May meeting.

8. New Business

Chair and Vice-Chair Selections (first meeting of every year):

Commissioner Les Riel made a motion to reappointment Dave Lynde as the Chair. Seconded Council Member Julie Schilling. Motion passed.

Council Member Julie nominated Commissioner Les Riel as the Vice Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Jim Borst. Motion passed.

9. Good of the Order:

Commissioner Riel regarding the social media posts, which have been getting really ugly, we need to point out how many other counties have gone to a single source ambulance and how well it has worked out.

Discussion followed on the perception of this process and what it will mean for the County. Everyone who has looked at this has determined this is a better system. This was modeled after a lot of other systems. This only covers the 911 calls. It was developed to offer better services to the citizens and visitors to Yakima County.

Both companies were encouraged to go after contracts for interfacility transfers. All of the information is public record. Joel Byam offered to share all of the information, with anyone who is interested. It is 2 large binders of information. Maps were included with response times required for each location within Yakima County.

10. Next Meeting: **May 12, 2021 at 09:00 Location: Yakima County Resource Building, Classrooms, 2403 S. 18th Street, Union Gap (ZOOM Option will be available).**

11. Adjourned. A motion was made by Commissioner Les Riel to adjourn and Council Member Julie Schilling seconded. **Motion passed.**