



EMS Administrative Board

May 12, 2021

1. Open the meeting

2. Introduction of attendees:

Board Members in Attendance:

Joel Byam, Fire Chiefs	Tammy Pettis, Yakima EMS Council
Jim Lange, Fire Chiefs	Les Riel, Fire Commissioners
Aaron Markham, Fire Chiefs	Julie Schilling, Mayors Association
Ron Anderson, County Commissioners	Tim Smith, Fire Chiefs
Kevin Hodges, MD, Medical Program Director	

Board Members Absent:

Sam Glanzer, Fire Commissioners	Tom Sevigny, Fire Commissioners
Dave Lynde, Ambulance, Chair	

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
Brian Ireton, EMS Operations Manager/Training Coordinator	

Guest(s)

Treena Russell

3. Approval of Agenda Jim Brost moved to approve the agenda as submitted, Julie Schilling seconded. Motion passed.

4. Open Public Input - None

5. Communication - None

6. Approval of minutes: Julie Schilling moved to approve the February 10, 2021 minutes; Jim Lange seconded by. Motion passed.

7. Reports from committees/agencies

Tony Miller, ES Director reported:

- a. EMT Academy finished in April. We used a Flipped EMT class for the first time this year. Our first time pass rate is 93%, which is about 30% higher than State average. So far only 1 person failed the NREMT test the first time.
- b. AEMT Course coming up next month.
- c. We will be discussing the levy numbers later in this meeting, but we still do not have the census numbers to present. We should have these for the June meeting.



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- d. Brian Ireton reported – Our current OTEP plan ends next year. Since we now have Dr. Hodges as our MPD and are using the same protocols as Adams, Benton, and Franklin, we are looking to combine and work into the OTEP plan that is submitted for those counties under Dr. Hodges. This would mean moving forward our plan would be for the 4 quarters plan. We would still have 6 modules on-line but combining the didactics and would have 4 skills workshops. A more in depth presentation will be done at the Chiefs Association meeting.
- e. Dr. Hodges reported – working on the OTEP program and protocol updates. Working well with Yakima County and Brian is doing a good job.

8. Old Business

- a. SUNCOMM – Flagging runs follow up from Aaron Markham:
If calls are changed, the nature code is changed immediately. The dispatchers/call takers are doing this real time.
Nathan Craig – the ambulance only calls are still not being done and are being left as EMR Reds. Chief Markham stated there is a supervisor meeting tomorrow morning and see why EMR Ambulance is not being used.
Update next meeting.
- b. New member packet status – will be reported at next meeting should be completed by August.
- c. Instructor recruitment effort – the county is on a wage freeze across the board for the year per Tony Miller.
- d. Updated Terms
Yakima County Fire Commissioners: Will be working on replacing Commissioner Tom Sevigny, during their next meeting next week (May 2021). Thank you to Jim Brost for attending alternate.

8. New Business

Run number dispute from City of Yakima – Aaron Markham
Followed the guidance from the December 1st letter of last year what the process is for reviewing and confirming their run numbers. Everyone had their numbers at the end of March from SunCom. Originally we had 8775 EMS calls of the 9 nature codes, submitted our ERS numbers to the EMS office to show that there was a disparity. We spent a few months, pulling and reviewing all of the YKFD calls numbers. We found 22 calls that were not ours. For some reason if an area is not assigned, it defaults to YKFD. We found a host of calls that the nature code was MVA no injury, the call originated as "MVA unknown injury", we dispatched units, had patient information, and at the end of the call we found that the patient either had no injury or refused treatment/transport, therefore the call nature code was changed to "no-injury". We found 69 additional calls that should have been coded using one of the 5 nature codes (5 were for city of Union Gap). We request that we have the missed calls and Union Gap calls added into our call total. It is up to Board to decide if the information we supplied for the calls are legitimate. Discussion followed on fixing the issue with calls that end up as defaulting to YKFD or when apparatus gets assigned to the wrong call, when dispatch is very busy. These issues are being worked on being fixed.
Tim Smith no objections, Joel good with it, Les OK – per our meeting, all agencies must provide documentation to EMS Office if there is a dispute. Tony is ok having the spreadsheets procedure by YFD sent in as the supporting documentation. Calls will be added to YKFD.
Nathan concerns, double counting calls between Union Gap and Yakima and Broadway. All issues have been sorted.



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9. Good of the Order:

Tim Smith asked where we are at the single source ambulance. Tony has been removed from this process by the County Commissioners. Tim Smith requested an email from Ron Anderson, sent to Diane for an update to be forwarded to all members.

10. Next Meeting: August 11, 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 Jim Lange to adjourn and Council Member Jim Brost seconded. **Motion passed.**