

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



APRIL 2021 MINUTES



YAKIMA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
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Attendance Record for January– December 2021

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		June		Aug		Oct		Dec	
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
Consumer	Open	Open												
Medical Control	Kevin Hodges MPD	Designee			X									
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD	Kay Funk, City of Yakima	X	X	X									
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Open	Open	X											
Yakima County 9-1-1	Wayne Wantland, SunCom 911	Stacey Garcia, SunCom 911		X	X									
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Brian Ireton, EMS Ops Manager	X	X		X								
	Diane Koch, Secretary	None	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, Glead FD	Jim Lange, Selah FD	X	X	X	X								
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, YVMH	Open	X		X									
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Dave Lynde, AMR	Treena Russell, ALS	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	Tim Smith, Toppenish FD	Joel Byam, FD #5, Past-Chair	X		X									
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Katrina Peck, Trauma Program Coordinator, Astria Toppenish Hospital	Open	X		X									
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA, Chair	Ken Anderson, SSFD	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	X				
Yakima Health District – Emergency Response Coordinator	Nathan Johnson	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 12 members present. Nine representatives and three alternates. One alternate was voting at this meeting.

2. **Guests:** Kim Bersing from Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital and Kate Knudson from Airlift Northwest.

3. **Approval and correction of minutes.**

Corrections: Dave Lynde – the roster under consumer has YVCOG, and it should be changed to open. Update the sign in sheet to match the roster. Dave Lynde made a motion to approve the minutes from February with noted corrections, seconded by Ken Frazier. Motion passed.

4. **Correspondence** – None

5. **Committee Reports**

Medical Control: Kevin Hodges

Protocol Revision Committee meetings going well. Goal is to have the updates done and submitted and ready for reviews and revisions in July.

We are in the process of coordinating and integrating resources for the OTEP programs for all the counties. We have put together some fantastic stuff and looking forward to utilizing the people and resources in the training center in Yakima. The goal is to have OTEP meet the requirements of NREMT, State and local requirements, whether you are an ALS, ILS or BLS provider. We are starting the merger process during the MPD meetings. Currently it is geared towards the ALS providers, and we will be working on ILS and BLS soon. A week from tomorrow (date is April 9th, 9 am – noon) is the second MPD meeting, and this counts as your live, interactive requirement for the State. The goal is to merge the OTEP when Yakima County's OTEP expires in 2022.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

- Review of our Council plan work and our evaluation of the training grant process. We are evaluating the division of funds. We have made the decision that we will need to look at a mix of State and County numbers. There was only one county that perfectly matched the State provider numbers. We have been using the same percentages for 2012. When we ran the numbers for 2020, Yakima dropped by \$1000 and a few other counties moved up for a few hundred dollars.
It will become part of our work to publish numbers as we also get numbers from the State.
✓ Training Grants – Yakima needs to submit for the second half of the FY20-21 Grant Funds.
- Regional System Plan Development, we got the first submission back from the State with a few changes recommended and it is due today.
- We received a Pediatric Grant from EMS for Children. The funds are being used to purchase pediatric emergency length based tape. The plan for distribution is to send each agency a tape for each rig that is registered. If we have extra, these will most likely be distributed to the county offices. These are not Broselow tapes but are made by a gentleman out of Clark County, and the cost is a lot less than the Broselow tape cost.



- COVID 19 impacts were discussed.
- WEMSIS program presentation. Highlighted reports are going to individual agencies and soon will be sent to MPDs, counties and the Regions. These reports are a scoring process. You will get information back saying that you entered X number of reports, where you set with the average of the Region. In addition, you will received information on which charts your agency could have done better on, for example what information was missing, for example this number of reports were missing demographic information. You will be able to drill down to general categories. You also will see how you compare with other agencies, but you will not see the other agencies' numbers, but it will tell you what the average of the other agencies is and where you are at on the comparison.
There are still a few agencies that are not reporting. We have been working with these agencies. There are barriers that need to be overcome at some small volunteer departments and having reliable internet access.
- Steering Committee – New members:
Eric Roedel – American College of Surgeons
Scott Philips - Poison Control
 - DOH Updates:
 - ✓ The new Secretary of Health Dr. Shaw has had to make COVID a priority. At the same time, he is setting meetings and orienting with partners and the Department of Health to learn the system.
 - ✓ The State has also submitted a Coverdell Grant Application again.
 - Legislative bills
 - ✓ HB 1276 Allows EMTs to work in diversion centers.
 - ✓ SB 5074 Safe Station Pilot Program to establish and expand safe station pilot programs for persons in need of substance use disorder treatment. Fire service agencies that want to voluntarily participate in the basic evaluation of substance abuse disorder and provide some assistance.
 - ✓ SB 5198 – Rural Ambulance Personal for non-medically trained drivers on ambulances, which already exists. This will allow two municipalities to combine for one service, as that was not specifically mentioned, and so they could not do it.
 - EMS Rules
All 33 sections have been reviewed. Currently the Department of Health is drafting an official format and rechecking the document. This will be available for stakeholders when it is complete. Which will be followed by the CR102 phase, which is the public comment phase.
 - WEMSIS rules were open. The final stakeholder meeting was held. They are working on their final draft for review by the stakeholders before starting the CR102 phase for public comment. Reporting is mandatory.



- Min/Max Project Update (mostly for hospitals)
Workgroup will reconvene. Committee felt that the work and agreements were not accurately represented. The State made the decision to reconvene the workgroup, so that it would be done right.
- Nate Weed did a presentation on COVID 19 and the work that is ongoing.
- Dr. Eric Cooper has been reelected as chair of the Steering Committee
- Overview of some of the vacancies on the Steering Committee and some discussion on a potential vice-chair position.
- East Region plan changes reviewed by the Steering Committee and the Southwest Region had some minor changes for Cowlitz County.
There was a Regional Plan Review by Hailey Thacker. She also worked on recruiting a few more members. Every year our regional plans are reviewed by members from the Steering Committee and approved.
- Annual Report from the Pediatric Tac as well as a data presentation
- Hospital Tac is looking at a virtual site survey process. They really don't want to result to that, but given the current situation, this may be necessary. Preference is in person, but working to set up a virtual process
- Prehospital Tac is working on EMS vaccine plan and state-wide patient transport related to COVID.
- RAC TAC is working on strategic planning and annual report review as we present at the next Steering Committee meeting.
- Presentation from the State on EMS agency licensing.
- ECS TAC data related to EMS and COVID case volumes was presented.
- IVP TAC (Injury and Violence Prevention) has some work currently ongoing with consideration of combining so that everyone is focusing on the same thing.
 - ✓ Two subcommittees currently
 - Branding strategy
 - Intervention meeting

SunCom Wayne Wantland Interim Manager

The manager position has been advertised and applications are due back by April 12th. As of March 31st, four applicants have applied. It will be at least the end of May before a permanent manager will be hired.



New application will be implemented next week called SMART 911. This is a voluntary subscription service for the public. The primary target, especially in the beginning will be special needs people, particularly autistic children. The public will sign up and provide the information, and when their phone number comes in, there will be a pop up with the information for the call takers. Then the information will be relayed to the first responders, so that they will have some ideas of special situations or circumstances. It is subscription based so it will take a while to get it up and running. They will be marketing this to the public and it is a free service for the public.

Department of EMS

Brian Ireton we are working and discussing with Training Officers and Chiefs on how the OTEP change will look for Yakima County and what we will be doing. Once we have a more concrete plan in place we will be updating the Council.

EMT class started with 18 and finished with 15 students. The final written was held on March 29th. Thirteen students have passed. Two students need to retake the final written exam, and both were very close passing the first time. The students are active completing ride time and setting up to take the NREMT exam.

During the last meeting we discussed the AEMT course and obtained approval. The question came up about also including an EMT-IV endorsement class. We are requesting approval for EMT-IV endorsement course, that will run congruently with the IV portion of the AEMT course previously approved.

Dave Lynde made motion to approve the EMT-IV endorsement course, Ken Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

AEMT course will start after July 4th. Announcement for AEMT course has been sent out to the transport agencies including Mattawa. An announcement for the EMT-IV endorsement course will follow soon.

Yakima Health District Nathan Johnson is not available, as he is at the max vaccination site at the fairgrounds.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business: None

8. Good of the Order

Jim Lange, question of Dave Lynde regarding WEMSIS. We have been looking at our report in depth on how we can improve those deductions we are getting. Is there another class on how those numbers work, so we understand the numbers better. There will be a YouTube video for WEMSIS rollout shortly that will explain the process and how you can dive into those deeper.

9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Dave Lynde, seconded by Dr. Hodges. Motion carried.



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Bi-Monthly 2021 Training Report
Months: January 1, 2021 - February 28, 2021

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
2/1/2021	Video and Testing for Modules 1 & 2 on-line and out to all agencies			

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES (MAKEUPS)

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/13/2021	2020 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2) Makeups	East Valley FD	3	2
1/23/2021	2020 Skills Workshop C (Mod 1&2) Makeups	Naches FD	2	2
1/23/2021	2020 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4) Makeups	Naches FD	2	2
1/23/2021	2020 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2) Makeups	Naches FD	2	2
2/12/2021	2020 Skill Workshop B (Mod 3&4) Makeups	Yakima Training Center FD	4	2
2/12/2021	2020 Skills Workshop C (Mod 1&2) Makeups	Yakima Training Center FD	4	2
2/26/2021	2020 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2) Makeups	Yakima Training Center FD	4	2
TOTALS			21	14.0
AVERAGES			3.00	2.00

2021 EMT ACADEMY

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/4/2021	Winter EMT Academy - CPR, Medical terminology	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
1/7/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Anatomy and Physiology, Life span development	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
1/9/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	6.5
1/11/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Patient Asst part 1	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
1/14/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Patient Asst part 2	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
1/16/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	6.5
1/18/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Airway Management	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
1/21/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Respiratory Emergencies	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
1/23/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	6.5
1/25/2021	Winter EMT Academy - EMS Systems and Workforce Management	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
1/28/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Crew Resource Management (CRM), Issues and Documentation	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
1/30/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	6.5
2/1/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Cardiovascular and Stroke	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/4/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Medical overview, Infectious disease, Neuro, Endocrine, Hematologic	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/6/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	6.5
2/8/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Toxicology, Psychiatric, Gastrointestinal	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/11/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Obstetrics	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/13/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Mid-Term Practicals	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	6.5
2/15/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Peds, Geriatrics, Special challenges	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2

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Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
2/16/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Open classroom for midterm review	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/18/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Written Midterm & Washington State Infectious Disease Prevention for EMS Providers	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/20/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.5
2/22/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Trauma Overview	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	2
2/25/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Face, Neck, Head and Spine injuries	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	2
2/27/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.5
TOTALS			417	86.0
AVERAGES			16.68	3.44

INSTRUCTOR/EVALUATOR COURSES

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
2/23/2021	2021 OTEP Instructor/Evaluator Review	YCDEMS	3	2
2/24/2021	2021 OTEP Instructor/Evaluator Review	YCDEMS	1	1
2/25/2021	2021 OTEP Instructor/Evaluator Review	YCDEMS	1	1
TOTALS			5	4.0
AVERAGES			1.67	1.33

	Students	Hours
OVERALL TOTALS	443	104.0
OVERALL AVERAGES	12.66	2.97