



Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



APRIL 2018 MINUTES



YAKIMA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
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**Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council
 Attendance Record for January– December 2018**

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	Ben Maltz MPD	Designee												
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD	Kay Funk, City of Yakima Council	X	X	X	X								
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, West Valley FD	Open			X									
Yakima County 9-1-1	Brad Coughenour, SunCom 911	Stacey Garcia, SunCom 911	X											
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, Manager	Wendy Moudy, Training Coordinator, Treasurer	X	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, Gleed FD	Gary Hanna, Selah FD	X											
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, Virginia Mason Memorial	Laurie Robinson, Astria Regional Medical Center, Chair-Elect	X	X	X									
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Brian Ireton, ALS	Dave Lynde, AMR, Chair	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												
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Open Astria Toppenish Hospital	Open Astria Sunnyside Hospital												
Ambulance Service	Aaron Markham, SSFD, Past-Chair	Open, WSA	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 9 present. Six representatives and three alternates. No alternates were voting at this meeting.
2. **Guests:** Suzy Beck and Jonas Landstrom, Airlift Northwest and Ken Robillard, FD#5
3. **Approval and correction of minutes**
Ken Eakin moved to approve the minutes as sent. Brian Ireton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Correspondence** - None
5. **Committee Reports**

Medical Control: Ben Maltz, MD

Tony Miller report that Dr. Maltz will be here next Monday and Tuesday. He has updated a few of the ALS protocols. The protocols have been to the State for approval.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

A. Implementation of 2017 Legislation

SSB5751 – Authorizes the Department of Health to approve the use of non-medically trained ambulance drivers for volunteer municipal corporations in rural areas. DOH is developing a procedure for approval. DOH is finalizing changes to EMS Service Licensure and Verification applications to support the approval process. Once all forms have been finalized, DOH anticipates communicating the process to stakeholders through holding a webinar, updating the website with an FAQ and forms, announcing changes through Gov Delivery Listserve announcements, and presenting in meetings as stakeholders request. Until the approval process and forms are finalized, qualifying departments may contact Jason Norris to facilitate approval through an existing variance process. SSB 5751 legislation passed in 2017, and authorized the use of non-medically trained ambulance drivers in volunteer EMS services in rural areas.

The department will kick off implementation at the Rural Health Conference on March 27, 2018, and offer web conferences on the following dates to review the request and approval process.

- April 3, 2018, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM [Meeting Invitation Link](#)
- May 2, 2018, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM [Meeting Invitation Link](#)

Web Conference Information:

GoToMeeting Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/536414437>

Audio / Phone Access:

- Call: 877-351-4402
- Conference Code: 4308297



- SHB 1358 – Requires the HCA to develop a reimbursement mechanism for CARES (community assistance referral and education) programs established under the 5591 CARES legislation from 2015. The department continues to meet monthly with the HCA to provide technical guidance about EMS regulations, and our processes for licensure and certification of professionals. We have begun drafting a report for the legislature. We will engage stakeholders when a final concept has been determined. Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for April 9th between 2 and 4.
- E2SHB 1258 Travis Alert bill requires the department to establish a workgroup to design a training program for EMS providers to improve management of persons with disabilities on the scene of an emergency. The Travis Alert workgroup is meeting monthly. End products of this work will include a suggested curricula and equivalent trainings, checklists, and suggested patient care protocols for EMS professionals to use on the scene of an emergency. Suggested protocols will be presented at the MPD meeting on June 4th. The training is expected to be similar to the on-line infectious disease training.

B. Rulemaking

The DOH is currently engaged in stakeholder meetings to amend some sections of WAC 246-976. Meetings are occurring monthly. Webinar access is available. To learn more about meetings and how to participate, please visit our website at: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/RuleDevelopment> Expect completion in mid-2019. Ground vehicle standards and communication equipment are complete.

The Prehospital Technical Advisory Committee will meet on February 21, 2018. The committee finalized the strategic plan for the 2018-2021 plan cycle. They discussed implementation of projects related to improving workforce availability in Rural EMS systems, the outcomes of EMS training program reconciliation project, NREMT NCCP guidance, 2017 NREMT statewide testing results, WEMSIS project updates and more.

The Air Ambulance Workgroup continues to meet monthly and is working on the revision of the State Air Ambulance Services Strategic Plan. When completed, the plan will identify air ambulance assets and their geographical coverage. It will establish performance standards and goals for prehospital response and transport to trauma, cardiac and stroke facilities. The plan assesses utilization, identifies outcomes from previous plan cycles, and suggests strategies for improvement during the next strategic plan cycle. The plan provides recommended evidence based, peer reviewed guidance for the development of regional EMS patient care procedures and department approved MPD protocols for utilization of air ambulances. Goal date of completion is estimated for July of 2018.

C. RAC TAC

Roster Project: Going to renumber positions to create consistency through the regions. Two small changes to Regional Council Applications Position category and position representing.



The Prehospital TAC made all of the Training Programs re-register. There are now 64 programs in State. For 2017 Washington State was far above the national average passing rate for NREMT testing.

MIR form cost analysis: 1.5 years cost \$1573.48 not including any staff time to package and mail. Creating a self-print version to be used when current supply runs out.

Inquiry to see if QI committees are using the State data to improve systems and if so examples.

Nate Weed appointed Director effective April 1st.

D. Steering Committee

Budget updates were showing some monies for WEMSIS. Working to clarify specifics but believe that the funds are to be used for rural volunteer agencies for data submission.

Working on a legislative package to potentially provide some financial assistance for level 3 cardiac and stroke centers. One and 2 would use an external verification process. Trauma care fund increases. Upgrades to technology, level 4 and 5 rural hospital help, DOH funding. A large portion of the meeting focused on moving the DOH funding to the trauma car fund through the increases. It was ultimately not supported by the group. These legislative package proposals are for the DOH to consider and to make the ultimate decision on whether to move forward.

Currently the Trauma Fund receives \$4 from every new car that is sold and \$10 from every ticket that is issued. Would like to increase these fees. The Trauma Care fund has not been increased since 1991.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller

- A. Training Report – MCI Training with Airlift Northwest. 2018 Modules 3 & 4 are out. We are working on 2018 Modules 5 & 6.
- B. Wendy Moudy – EMT Course Update
We are wrapping up course. Students are retaking their finals, as needed. During April the students will be completing their ride-times and taking the NREMT exam. At the end of April we will have the state specific skills class.
- C. Bi-monthly training report 121 hours of education. Report attached.



6. Old Business:

- A. Regional Training Topics – Discussion on what type of training would be beneficial for the Council members. It was decided that having a brief overview (15 minutes max) of each of the Council's responsibilities would be helpful.

Strategic Planning

Min/Max numbers

Trauma Response Area Maps

Response Times Data

By laws – ensuring that the bylaws stay current.

- B. Trauma Response Area Maps – We have a map of urban, suburban, rural and wilderness and we only have three trauma response areas. Trauma Response Area 1 is all of the upper valley and most of lower valley. Trauma Response Area 2 is the City of Sunnyside and a little bit from outside of the city limits. Trauma Response Area 3 is the area from the southern county line through Grandview and up to Trauma Response Area 2.

Real trauma response areas need to be defined, by where each department really responds. The County GIS has been helping the departments with maps and descriptions, as it is now a required part of licensing. There are areas that are not covered and do not need coverage, such as the top of Mt. Adams. We need to find out if there are areas that need coverage that are not currently covered.

It was decided to request maps from GIS for each district/department and then ask the districts/departments to compare these with how far they normally respond outside of their taxing boundaries to get their Trauma Response Area.

7. New Business:

- A. Approval of Regional Request for Payment of FY 17/18 Grant funds for Training – Brian Ireton made a motion and Ken Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Regional Grant for EMS Needs Training Assessment for FY 18/19 – The group was presented with what has already been suggested. Discussion followed on what else should be requested. Any suggestions should be sent to Dave Lynde david.lynde@amr.net by April 20th. If for some reason we do not complete the training we have listed, we can reallocate money by contacting the Regional Council. A motion to approve the EMS Training Needs Assessment & Regional Council Grant Application and allow for additions until April 20th was made by Tony. Brian Ireton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Tony reported that DEMS received a grant from Pacific Power for \$1000 towards a new HP CPR manikin. In addition he ordered a rebuild kit for another manikin, which will bring our total to 5 HP CPR manikins.



- D. Tammy reported that the helipad at Virginia Mason Memorial has been temporarily been taken out. At first it was suggested that patients be taken to the airport and then be transported by ground ambulance to the hospital, but it was decided this was not in best interest of patients.

A temporary landing site will be on the west side of the West Pavilion. The military was going to look at the area from the ground today. There are concerns about the rotor was and houses to the west. Airlift Northwest will be out tomorrow to review new area. Airlift Northwest helped the hospital to come up with the temporary landing area. Monday will be a dry run.

Currently there are not a lot of patients being transported by air, but this will increase with the better weather. Also, babies from the NICU are routinely transferred by air.

- E. Airlift Northwest has arranged for Dr. Andrew Latimer to teach a class on Airway Management and Traumatic Brain Injury in the Field. Dr. Latimer is very relatable for both BLS and ALS providers. He started out as an EMT
8. Next meeting is the June 7, 2018 at 1:30 pm, Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services, 2403 S. 18th Street, Union Gap, Classroom B.
9. Meeting adjourned.



Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council
BiMonthly 2018 Training Report
Months: January 1, 2018 - February 28, 2018

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/29/2018	2017 Workshop C	East Valley FD	2	2
Video and Testing for Modules 1 & 2 on-line and out to all agencies				
TOTALS			2	2
AVERAGES			2.00	2.00

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES (MAKEUPS)

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/13/2018	2017 Workshop B	Grandview FD	1	2
1/13/2018	2017 Workshop C	Grandview FD	3	2
2/8/2018	2015 Workshop A	East Valley FD	1	2
2/8/2018	2015 Workshop B	East Valley FD	1	2
2/12/2018	2015 Workshop C	East Valley FD	1	2
TOTALS			7	10
AVERAGES			1.40	2.00

2018 WINTER EMT ACADEMY

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/8/18 Mon	Winter EMT Academy - General Block - Chapter 5: Medical Terminology	Yakima Fire Dept, St #95 - Classroom	18	4
1/11/18 Thurs	Winter EMT Academy - General Block - Chapter 6: The Human Body	Yakima Fire Dept, St #95 - Classroom	18	4
1/13/18 Sat	Winter EMT Academy - General Block - Chapter 9: Patient Assessment & Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	7
1/16/18 Tues	Winter EMT Academy - Airway Block - Chapter 10: Airway Management, Chapter 15: Respiratory Emergencies & Skills	Yakima Fire Dept, St #95 - Classroom	16	4
1/18/18 Thurs	Winter EMT Academy - Cardiology Block - Chapter 12: Shock	Yakima Fire Dept, St #95 - Classroom	16	4
1/20/18 Sat	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	7
1/22/18 Mon	Winter EMT Academy - Cardiology Block - Chapter 13: BLS Resuscitation & General Block - Chapter 3: Medical, Legal, & Ethical Issues, Chapter 4- Documentation & Communication & Multicultural Awareness	Yakima Fire Dept, St #95 - Classroom	16	4
1/25/18 Thurs	Winter EMT Academy - Cardiology Block - Chapter 16: Cardiovascular Emergencies & Skills	Yakima Fire Dept, St #95 - Classroom	16	4
1/27/18 Sat	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	7
1/29/18 Mon	Winter EMT Academy - Medical Block - Chapter 11: Principles of Pharmacology, Chapter 14: Medical Overview & Chapter 21: Toxicology	Yakima Fire Dept, St #95 - Classroom	16	4
2/1/18 Thurs	Winter EMT Academy - Medical Block - Chapter 18: Neurologic Emergencies & Chapter 18: GI and Urological Emergencies	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	4



2018 WINTER EMT ACADEMY continued

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
2/3/18 Sat	Winter EMT Academy – Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	7
2/5/18 Mon	Winter EMT Academy - Medical Block - Chapter 19: Endocrine & Hematologic & Chapter 20: Immunologic Emergences	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	4
2/8/18 Thurs	Winter EMT Academy - Medical Block - Chapter 22: Psychiatric Emergences & Chapter 36: Patients w/Special Challenges	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	4
2/10/18 Sat	Winter EMT Academy - Chapter 35: Geriatric Emergencies & Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	7
2/12/18 Mon	Winter EMT Academy - Obstetrics Block - Chapter 7: Life Span Development & Chapter 34: Pediatric Emergencies	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	4
2/15/18 Thurs	Winter EMT Academy - Obstetrics Block - Chapter 23: Gynecologic Emergencies	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	4
2/17/18 Sat	Winter EMT Academy - Skills & Mid-Term Practicals	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	7
2/20/18 Tues	Winter EMT Academy - Obstetrics Block - Chapter 33: Obstetrics & Neonatal Care & Review for Written Midterm	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	4
2/22/18 Thurs	Winter EMT Academy - Written Midterm & Operations Block - Chapter 2: Workforce Safety & Wellness and Washington State Infectious Disease Prevention for EMS Providers	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	4
2/24/18 Sat	Winter EMT Academy – Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	7
2/26/18 Mon	Winter EMT Academy - Operations Block - Chapter 1: EMS Systems, Chapter 8: Lifting and Moving & Chapter 37: Transport Operations	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	16	4
TOTALS			356	109
AVERAGES			16.18	4.95

	Students	Hours
OVERALL TOTALS	365	121
OVERALL AVERAGES	12.83	4.52