

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



AUGUST 2022 MINUTES



YAKIMA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
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Attendance Record for January– December 2022

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)	<i>Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD, Chair</i>	Danny Herrera, City of Yakima Council	X	X	X	X			X	X				
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, WVFD	Open	X				X							
Yakima County 9-1-1	Erica McNamara, Director, SunCom 911	Angela Brown, SunCom 911	X		X		X		X					
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Brian Ireton, EMS Ops Manager		X		X		X		X				
	Diane Koch, Secretary	None	X		X		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	X	X					
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, YVMH	Jackie Wantland, YVMH	X		X		X							
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Dave Lynde, AMR	<i>Treena Russell, ALS, Chair-Elect</i>	X	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	Tim Smith, Toppenish FD	Joel Byam, FD #5		X	X					X				
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Jody Shively, Astria Sunnyside Hospital	Steve Bews, Astria Toppenish Hospital												
Ambulance Service	<i>Wayne Guckert, WSA, Past-Chair</i>	Ken Anderson, SSFD			X		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	X		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 10 members present. Six representatives and 4 alternates. Two alternates were voting at this meeting (Per By-laws Article V, Officers/Committee 5.0 Chairperson "The council Chairperson shall vote only in the case of a tie vote." Therefore, his/her alternate would be the voting member).

2. Guests: Aaron Markham, YFD; Kate Knutson, Airlift Northwest; Zach Heeren, President L3542 Sunnyside Firefighters.

3. Approval and correction of minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from June 2, 2022, by Dave Lynde, and seconded by Ken Eakin. Motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Email from Jody Shively, Director, Emergency Department, Astria Sunnyside Hospital requesting that both she and Steve Bews, Director, Emergency Department, Astria Toppenish Hospital be on the board. This would replace Katrina Peck.

5. Committee Reports

Medical Control: Kevin Hodges.

Protocols are approved and have been distributed. We are currently waiting for the exams.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

- **EMS Rules:** With the addition of the new legislation that passed for HB 1893 regarding EMTs and Public Health and Provisional EMS Certification DOH has drafted and submitted an updated CR101 which includes more specificity to the work we will do in rulemaking to address new requirements. Our target date is to move to the CR 102 phase in August, hold a public hearing in November, and file CR 103 in December. If we can stay on track our new rules would be effective in February 2023.
- **WEMSIS Rules:** Stakeholder meetings for EMS data system rulemaking concluded in March. The rules are in response to the amendment made to RCW 70.168.90 which requires licensed ambulance and aid services to report to the statewide data system. We are working on the draft for public comment then we'll move to CR-102 process. WEMSIS rulemaking timeline is aligned with the EMS rulemaking process timeline.
- **Trauma Rules:** In January 2021, the Department of Health filed a CR-101 with the Office of the Code Reviser to consider amendments to sections of WAC 246-976-580. The goal of this work is to establish clear requirements and criteria for assessing the need for new level I and II trauma facilities in the state. In the coming months, we are planning on sharing with you all a rules language draft that, along with your further comments and the subsequent internal analysis, will inform a final proposed rule draft that would be shared ahead of a scheduled public hearing. At this point, staff are still working on finalizing the draft and are unsure if there will be another workshop. But, at minimum there will be time to respond to any recommendations/concerns from the rules draft via email. Anthony Bledsoe anticipates that we will have a draft rule language document available for review this summer.



SunCom: Erica McNamara

No updates today. She will be out on maternity leave starting in early September. Angela Brown, Assistant Manager will be her interim.

Department of EMS: Brian Ireton

- The EMS Office has received their Supervisory Organization License. This is in addition to our current Professional Training Program Certification. The Supervisory Organization license is how we will keep those instructors certified who are no longer active on a fire department or other EMS service. The State was allowing instructors to be affiliated through our Professional Training Program but has decided to do away with that option.
- The 2022 Winter EMT Course which was completed in April, had 14 students take the course and 13 students passed. Of those 13 who completed the course, 10 have passed National Registry. One student failed National Registry and has not retested, 2 students have not tested yet.
- The 2022 Spring EMT IV endorsement course was completed on May 5th, with 17 students. completed the classroom portion. Of those 17, only 5 of the students have completed the number of IV starts for endorsement.
- The Fall EMT course is starting with 14 students. There is a CPR class on Monday, August 8th, and Orientation is Saturday, August 13th. The first day of regular class is September 15th.
- Supraglottic Airway Endorsement for EMTs – We currently have 470 EMTs in Yakima County and 445 of those EMTs have the SGA endorsement, which means that 25 do not. We did complete SGA courses (these must have a State course ID number) for 45 EMTs this year. All 45 have gained their SGA endorsement. This is an endorsement that all EMTs should have. Reviewing the records, it was noticed that several of these providers are with Grant Co Fire District 8, whom we have a contract with, and they work under our protocols and our MPD.
- We need course approval from the 2023 Winter EMT Course. Applications will be due September. Dave Lynde made motion to approve this course; Ken Eakin seconded. Motion passed.
- Module 4 and Workshop D have been completed and are ready to go for fall.
- We need approval for the FY22/23 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) Training contract with the South Central Regional Council. Diane reported that she and Brian updated the estimated training numbers based on our past practice and trends. Then going forward for the next 2 fiscal years, we increased cost estimates due the current increase and expected increases in costs. Dave Lynde asked for clarification on the Needs Grant portion. It was confirmed that when we were very descriptive and included every possible cost, whether it would be reimbursed or not. Ken Frazier made a motion to approve the contract and numbers, seconded by Ken Eakin. Motion passed.



Yakima Health District: Nathan Johnson

COVID update – we are continuing to respond to COVID, particularly since we are seeing a rise in cases and outbreaks. The outbreaks are happening, specifically in congruent in living situations. There is a new vaccine available, and it is called Novavax (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/novavax.html>). It uses a difference science, which is protein based. This provides alternative for those community members who were hesitant to get the MRNA vaccine.

Monkey Pox – just today, this was declared a public health emergency in the United States. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared monkey pox a public health issue last week. The Washington State Department of Health has activated their incident management team. The Yakima Health District has **not** been activated, we are however, doing a lot of work around it.

Background information on what Monkey Pox is, how it spreads, and what is being done at the State and local levels:

- It is from the same virus family as the varicella virus (chicken pox), which also causes small pox.
- It has been around since 1958 and was mostly seen in monkeys.
- It has mainly been seen Africa, where there have been some human cases. These cases are closely related to travel into areas where it is active in monkeys and from imported animals. Related to travel into countries that have it monkeys and in imported animals from those area.
- This is the first time we are seeing community wide spread in countries that have not necessarily seen this before. In total there are 87 countries that have reported cases and 80 of those cases do not normally see Monkey Pox cases. Currently there are 26,208 cases World Wide, 166 in Washington State, and 1 Yakima County.
- People are usually only hospitalized for pain management, as the sores and lesions can be very painful. It looks a lot like the chicken pox.
- It is extremely transmissible through direct contact with an infected person's rash. It can also be spread from articles of clothing, bed sheets/covers, furniture, and also may be spread through droplets. Limit spread by always wearing gloves when in contact with a patient or anything they may have touched.
- For Healthcare Providers it is recommended that the standard PPE be used: gloves, goggles, masks, are the standard precautions. Make sure to clean and decon everything really well and wear gloves while doing so.
- The strategic national stock pile, which is operated through the CDC has been opened up. The State has received T-Poxx (tecovirimat) which is an antiviral for small pox and the small pox vaccine. The vaccine is being used for anyone who has closed contact with someone who has a confirmed case and the T-Poxx is being used to treat those with a confirmed case of Monkey Pox. Very little is available currently.
- When we start to see community spread we will activate and receive vaccine and T-Poxx.
- There is educational information for the public and providers on the Yakima Health District website: <https://providers.yakimahealthdistrict.org/monkeypox-information-for-providers/>
- If you are touched by an infected patient (skin to skin), let hospital know when transport the patient in, so we can get you the vaccine.



6. Old Business:

A. County Operating Procedures – Dave Lynde

The final draft was sent out for review. We only received a few comments back. Diane has gone through and formatted the document.

One change made to the MCI COP:

Under 3.B.I.b) MCI Level II i. Upper Valley: confirm with incident command level 2 & 3 transport.

Infectious Disease pandemic was replaced by epidemic (pandemic) so it works for both F. disposable gowns “when bodily fluids are present”

The next step is to submit the COPS to the South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council. Once approved by the Council, Zita Wiltgen will start the process for State approval.

The following COPS have been removed because they are in the protocols:

- #2 Controlled Substances is Protocol G-13
- #4 Documentation of Pre-Hospital Medical Care is Protocol G-7 Protocol.

The following COPS will be changed to County Guidelines, which need approved from the local EMS & Trauma Care Council and the Medical Program Director. This makes these much easier to change as needed, because we do not have to wait for Regional and State approval. In addition, to make it easier to differentiate between COPS and COGS, the guidelines will be letter based A, B, C rather than number based.

- COP#12 Provider Orientation and Checklist – this group has reviewed this previously and it has approval from the Training Officers group. It is ready to be put in place.
- COP#14 Quality Improvement/Assurance Program COG 14 CQI – Brian and Tony are working on a draft for approval.

This group will see these at least one more time before these will be approved.

Ken Frazier made a motion to approve COPS and forward those to the South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council. Seconded by Ken Eakin. Motion approved.

Once approved by the Council, Zita Wiltgen will state the process for State approval.

7. New Business

A. Adding a designation for dispatch and CAD for ILS ambulances – Chief Ken Anderson

Approximately 6-7 months ago made changes were made in dispatch. Chief Anderson would like to see a new designation added for dispatch and to the CAD system for ILS Ambulances, that have AEMTs rather than paramedics. This would be a level below the EMR medic. Is the group amenable to this?

Discussion followed which included:

- ❖ Whether this was for just the Sunnyside Fire Department or if it would benefit other transport agencies
- ❖ How much work would this be for the dispatch centers



- ❖ Forwarding the request to SunCom and to Fire District #5, as input is needed from both dispatch centers
- ❖ Erica McNamara, SunCom stated she would look into this and let the group know
- ❖ Currently YCDEMS is only teaching the IV technician endorsement course, and that the AEMT is a full course
- ❖ ProQA will offer this, but system we currently have does not

This will be tabled and until next meeting when more information should be available.

B. South Central Region has advised that all local councils will need to:

- ❖ Review the Prehospital Trauma Min/Max numbers and
- ❖ Review the State Trauma Response Area Maps to confirm accuracy.

This is due by January 2023. Should a committee be formed to complete this task?

Dave Lynde stated that Yakima County currently has 3 trauma response areas. We need to do better than that, particularly as Trauma Response Area 1 is problematic. We need to have maps for just the area that each agency responds too. This has proved rather difficult to obtain, as a response area may end on the top of a ridge, which is difficult to describe adequately.

We do need to update min/max numbers, as what we currently have is not what is needed. We will need data and reasons to back up changes.

Dave Lynde suggested that we state what changes we would like to make, and our goal is to obtain adequate descriptions of Trauma Response Area by agency.

The following individuals will be on the committee:

Dave Lynde, Tony Miller, Ken Eakin, Joel Byam and Wayne Guckert. There will be a meeting to discuss what the goals are, what needs to be done and how to start the work.

Schedules will be requested from the individuals and meeting notice sent out.

8. Good of the Order – Ken Eakin asked if there is any discussion about keeping Zoom and in-person meetings? Hearing none, we will continue with a Zoom option for all meetings.

9. NEXT MEETING – October 6 2022, at 13:30

In Person Location: 2403 S. 18th Street, Classroom B, Union Gap, WA

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89865478046?pwd=RjZnMmJmc1hLR2hUYjAwSW54TFZzdz09>

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10. Adjournment – Dave Lynde made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wayne Guckert. Motion passed.



Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council
Bi-Monthly 2022 Training Report
Months: May 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
2022 Module 1 and Module 2 on Ninth Brain should be completed				
5/2/2022	2022 Skills Workshop B (Mod 2)	FD #5, St#1 White Swan	0	2.0
5/3/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	West Valley FD, St #51 - Day Drill	8	2.0
5/3/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Yakima Training Center FD	13	2.0
5/4/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Selah FD, St #21&22 @ 21	12	2.0
5/4/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Selah FD, St #24&26 @ 24	11	2.0
5/5/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Yakima Training Center FD	8	2.0
5/5/2022	2022 Skills Workshop B (Mod 2)	FD #5, St#15 @ Mabton	5	2.0
5/5/2022	2022 Skills Workshop B (Mod 2)	FD #5, St#3 & St#4 @ Harrah	10	2.0
5/10/2022	2022 Skills Workshop B (Mod 2)	FD #5, St#10 @ Zillah	7	2.0
5/11/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	West Valley FD, St #51	20	2.0
5/11/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	West Valley FD, St #53	12	2.0
5/12/2022	2022 Skills Workshop B (Mod 2)	FD #5, St#9 @ Toppenish	17	2.0
5/14/2022	2022 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills) Makeup	FD#5, St #7 @ Sawyer	8	2.0
5/16/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	KCFD#2 @ Bickleton	7	2.0
	2022 ILS Workshop B		2	1.0
5/16/2022	2022 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills) Makeup	YCDEMS Classrooms	8	2.0
5/17/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Nile FD	5	2.0
5/18/2022	2022 Skills Workshop B (Mod 2)	FD #5, St#14 @ Grandview	16	2.0
5/19/2022	2022 Skills Workshop B (Mod 2)	FD #5, St#6 @ Wapato	4	2.0
5/19/2022	2022 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills) Makeup	YCDEMS Classrooms	4	2.0
5/23/2022	2022 Skills Workshop B (Mod 2)	FD #5, St#5 & St#7 @ Sawyer	13	2.0
5/24/2022	2022 Skills Workshop B (Mod 2)	FD #5, St#11, St#12 & St#16 @ Outlook	13	2.0
5/24/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Naches FD	12	2.0
5/25/2022	2022 Skills Workshop B (Mod 2)	FD #5, St#13 @ Sunnyside	13	2.0
	2022 ILS/ALS Skills Workshop B (Mod 2)		7	1.0
5/25/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	West Valley FD, St #52	13	2.0
5/25/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	West Valley FD, St #54	5	2.0
5/25/2022	2022 ILS Workshop B	GCFD#8 @ Mattawa	5	1.0
	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)		12	2.0
6/6/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	East Valley FD	6	2.0
6/8/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Gleed FD	10	2.0
6/8/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Naches Hts FD (IV Supplies C. O'Dell & S. Mack)	9	2.0
6/11/22	2022 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills) Makeup	FD #5, St#7 @ Sawyer	7	2.0
	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills) Makeup		13	2.0
6/13/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 91	19	2.0
6/13/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 94	14	2.0



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6/14/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Highland FD @ Cowiche	8	2.0
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OTEP CLASSES continued

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
6/15/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 91	17	2.0
6/15/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 94	12	2.0
6/17/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 91	7	2.0
6/17/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 94	8	2.0
6/20/2022	2022 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills) Makeup	2403 S. 18th Street, Classrooms, Union Gap	2	2.0
	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills) Makeup		6	2.0
6/21/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	East Valley FD	8	2.0
6/22/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	East Valley FD	4	2.0
6/22/2022	2022 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills) Makeup	2403 S. 18th Street, Classrooms, Union Gap	2	2.0
	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills) Makeup		9	2.0
6/30/2022	2022 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills) Makeup	2403 S. 18th Street, Classrooms, Union Gap	11	2.0
	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills) Makeup		16	2.0
TOTALS			458	95.00
AVERAGES			9.35	1.94

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
5/14/2022	2021 Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)	Sawyer	1	2.0
5/20/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Advanced Life Systems	9	2.0
6/17/2022	2022 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	Advanced Life Systems	7	2.0
TOTALS			17	6.0
AVERAGES			5.67	2.00

2022 IV ENDORSEMENT COURSE

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
5/7/22	IV Tech Course - Orientation, Patient Assessment & Objectives Overview	YCDEMS Classrooms	7	6.0
5/8/22- 5/13/22	IV Tech Course - Week 1 AEMT Ch7 The Human Body, Ch8 Pathophysiology & Ch10 Patient Assessment	Online/Self Study	7	
5/14/2022	IV Tech Course - Test#1, IV/IO Class Patient Assessment Lab, IV/IO Lab	YCDEMS Classrooms	7	8.0
5/15/22- 5/20/22	IV Tech Course - Week 2 AEMT Ch 14 - Shock	Online/Self Study	7	
5/21/2022	IV Tech Course - Final Test, Patient Assessment Lab & IV/IO Lab	YCDEMS Classrooms	7	8.0
5/22/2022- 6/18/2022	IV Tech Course - Begin Ambulance Ride Time		7	
TOTALS			42	22.0
AVERAGES			7.00	7.33

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SPECIALILTY CLASSES/COURSES

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
6/23/2022	Humeral IOs in the Field	YCDEMS Classrooms	5	1.0
6/30/2022	Humeral IOs in the Field	YCDEMS Classrooms	1	1.0
TOTALS			6	2.0
AVERAGES			3.00	1.00

	Students	Hours
OVERALL TOTALS	523	125.0
OVERALL AVERAGES	8.72	2.19