

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



FEBRUARY 2019 MINUTES



**Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council
 Attendance Record for January– December 2018**

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			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	X	X			X	X	X	X
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, West Valley FD	Open			X								X	
Yakima County 9-1-1	Brad Coughenour, SunCom 911	Stacey Garcia, SunCom 911	X				X				X	X		X
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, Manager	Wendy Moudy, Training Coordinator, Treasurer	X	X	X	X		X			X	X		X
	Diane Koch, Secretary	None	X		X		X				X		X	
UPPER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES														
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Fire Service	Ken Frazier, Gleed FD	Gary Hanna, Selah FD	X				X	X			X	X	X	X
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, Virginia Mason Memorial	Laurie Robinson, Astria Regional Medical Center, Chair-Elect	X	X	X		X				X		X	X
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Brian Ireton, ALS	Dave Lynde, AMR, Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
LOWER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES														
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Fire Service	Joel Byam, FD #5, Chair Elect	Tim Smith, Toppenish FD									X	X	X	X
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Open Astria Toppenish Hospital	Open Astria Sunnyside Hospital												
Ambulance Service	Aaron Markham, YFD (formerly SSFD), Past-Chair	Open, WSA	X								X		X	
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS														
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South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council	Zita Wiltgen	X												

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1. Roll call with 12 present. Six representatives and 6 alternates. Two alternates were voting at this meeting.

2. Guests: Pat Mason, Chief Grandview Fire Department, Suzy Beck, Airlift Northwest, Aaron Markham, Chief City of Yakima Fire Department.

3. Approval and correction of minutes.

Dave Lynde moved to approve the minutes from December 6, 2018, as sent. Ken Frazier seconded. Motion passed.

4. Correspondence – Laurie Robinson

Letter from Sunnyside FD appointing Ken Anderson as one of the Lower Valley Ambulance Representatives and an email received from Ellen Swan, White Swan Ambulance, appointing Wayne Guckert as the other Lower Valley Ambulance Representative.

5. Committee Reports

Medical Control: Ben Maltz, MD –Reporting

Wendy Moudy – protocols revision completed. Looking for feedback, in draft form, comments about revisions, submit. Will accept the day of, but would prefer feedback earlier.

The protocols were placed on Ninth Brain without the changes tracked in order to facilitate readability. When the new protocols are approved and are sent to the agencies/providers, the changes will be highlighted.

Dr. Maltz needs formal requests submitted for Quality Insurance/Assurance issues from providers. Hearing patient care issues through grapevine does not work. He wants good as well as bad.

Dr. Maltz is planning and looking forward to offering bi-monthly education.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

A. The DOH is currently engaged in stakeholder meetings to amend sections of WAC 246-976. Meetings are occurring monthly and webinar access is available. Stakeholders can find meeting information, access to webinars, sign up for announcements, and more on our DOH website. Link:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/RulesDevelopment>

B. Education Updates:

- The Travis Alert Act (E2SHB 1258), passed by legislature in 2017 required 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. Work products are complete and available on the DOH website, they include a curriculum, PowerPoint, ability checklist, and website of disability related organizations. MPDs are currently working to implement these into local patient care protocols. Training of EMS providers must be



completed by December 31, 2019 or by the time MPDs implement local protocol updates. By end of this year each agency will need to attest that your providers have completed the training. Each agency will have to attest as they come up for renewal, for example if your agency renews in September, then you will need to attest that all of your providers are trained in September. There are six different sections to deal with different abilities. The EMS Office plans on making this available on Ninth Brain.

- Voucher applications for initial EMS certification examination are still being accepted. Expire at end of February 2019 for EMR, EMT or AEMT. If you have a provider who needs this, have them contact Dawn Felts at dawn.felts@doh.wa.gov
- Additional Pearson Vue testing sites are now available in Washington. In October 2018 sites were added in Aberdeen, Port Angeles, Mount Vernon, Tacoma, Ellensburg, and Pasco. And an additional site was also added in Trail BC, just North of Colville, WA.
- Due to changes with NREMT recertification requirements the Department of Health updated the refresher course schedules. The EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic refresher schedules are posted on the DOH website. Link: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/530217.pdf>
- Skill sheets used in EMR, EMT, and AEMT courses have been updated to NREMT standards and consolidated into one document. These are available on the DOH website under provider education. Link: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/530226.pdf>

C. WEMSIS update: The assessment team have finalized and posted a statewide WEMSIS data completeness and quality report on the DOH EMS Data and Reports webpage. The purpose of this quarterly report is to inform data users of WEMSIS data quality and to monitor data quality improvement over time. County level reports can be made available to appropriate data providers and users upon request. Local and regional councils and agencies can begin using this report to identify potential problems in data they submit to WEMSIS. Our WEMSIS team is available to assist local, regional councils or agencies. Link:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/WEMSISEMSDataRegistry/DataandReports>

D. Rural EMS Assessment Project – The Washington State Office of Rural Health (SORH) in collaboration with the Department of Health’s Office of Community Health System’s (which includes rural health and EMS) have received a grant to support a project to conduct a state-wide assessment of EMS with a focus on rural communities. The purpose of the assessment is to:

- (1) Help inform where best to allocate any available funding
- (2) Educate policy makers on challenges facing rural, suburban, and urban communities,
- (3) Inform strategic planning efforts at state, regional and local levels, and
- (4) Provide agencies with a roadmap for improvement.

The assessment tool is called the “18 Attributes of a Successful EMS Agency,” which was developed by the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health and vetted by a large panel of national experts in rural EMS. Many states have conducted this assessment and have begun the work to address focus areas of improvement for EMS systems, particularly in rural communities.



January 10, 2019 Washington State EMS agencies will receive the assessment tool via electronic survey to agency supervisors. The Department of Health is requesting the assessment be completed and returned by March 1, 2019.

E. DOH Projects

- EMS Scope of Practice - DOH is working with MPD's to update EMS scope of practice in Washington State in consideration of anticipated national updates. Updates to the skills and procedures list and other documents are being made. More information will be made available as the project progresses.
- The Washington State Stroke Triage Tool for EMS was recently revised. The revisions were minor. DOH is finalizing the implementation and communication plan. More information will be made available soon.
- Steering Committee: March meeting moved to April 24. Statewide EMS and Trauma on-site assessment April 22 and 23 with report out on April 26. Everyone encouraged to attend. If you have to choose to be there on April 23rd, 1130-1330, specific to EMS and the east side of the State. Would like an idea of how many can attend, contact Dave Lynde if you are attending at david.lynde@amr.net. This will be our chance to talk about challenges we have on the east side of the State.
- Trauma designation rules closed and effective Jan 3rd. Trauma Registry anticipate going into effect end of March or first of April.
- Long session underway. No EMS bills yet and it is budget year.
- Discussion on trauma critical guidelines with recommended changes. There was no consensus.
- Walla Walla min/max numbers change were approved.
- Pediatric TAC is looking into pediatric suicide patterns and mechanism of injury.
- PTAC will be looking into EMS fatigue guidelines.
- Cardiac and stroke updated triage tool and working on role out. Effort under way to get the cardiologists involved.
- Working on Regional Plan – proposal from SSFD to service the Grandview area. This will be discussed under new business.

SunCom 911 – Brad Coughenour – Stacey Garcia

- A. Travis bill 911 side still has not been funded for the software piece on CAD.
- B. QA piece that EMS is helping to fund is coming along good. Positive and a good help.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller

- A. 2019 OTEP started this week. We are working on finishing up the 2019 OTEP modules.
- B. EMT 37 students at week 4. Three students are in an online program. The lowest average scores for block exams is 73 percent. Mid-term will be a review and assessment.

Discussion with the State regarding the pilot program for EMT students dropping down to EMR. The conclusion is that asking students to make the choice at mid-term is not working. The conclusion from the state is that you can have person go all the way to the end of the



program and if they do not meet the standard for EMT at that point they can then drop down to EMR and test at that level. They cannot, however, test at the EMR level once they have tested as an EMT.

- C. An RN to EMT Bridge Course will be held in the spring.
- D. Training report November – December 2018, we provided 91 hours of education for 364 students. Report attached.

6. Old Business:

- A. Trauma Response Area Maps – Dave Lynde reported expecting the maps next week from the county and they will be by taxing districts. Once we have those we will meet with individual agencies to see if the areas are correct.
- B. Update County Orientation Procedure – Tony Miller
Paramedic required to take protocol exam before he will sign off. Will take modified exam to get signed off, then full blown protocol exam at end of 240 hours.
- C. Discussion on COPs and why the State has not approved these yet.

7. New Business:

- A. Sunnyside Fire Department – Dave Lynde
Sunnyside Fire Department is proposing to service Grandview with ALS Ambulance. Regional Council denied approval because the current plan does not have an opening. Zita asked that discussions be held at the local council regarding min/max numbers and area coverage. The original proposal read as just servicing Grandview and not trauma area response 3. The application is amended to provide service to trauma area response 3, which was the intent all along.

Prosser Memorial Ambulance service was serving Grandview, and now will no longer due to costs. In addition, Prosser was not a trauma verified agency in Yakima County.

Chief Anderson wanted to ensure that the local Council was informed of decisions, as there could be more questions from the State. With amended application it will now fit in the Regional Plan.

Chief Mason – gave an overview/history on ambulance service in trauma area response 3. Prosser Ambulance Services lost \$672,000 in one year servicing this area. The voters in Benton County who are paying tax (hospital district) are not happy about paying for services in Yakima County.

The Grandview City Council recommended that they go with Sunnyside Fire Department, because of the benefits of working fire department to fire department and the potential to save thousands, if not millions in the future for citizens.

Tony Miller made motion to have Sunnyside Fire Department cover trauma response area 3, Dave Lynde seconded. Motion passed.



8. Good of the Order

- A. Suzy Beck, Airlift Northwest thanks ALS and AMR for helping with ground transports due to recent weather, which made flying difficult, if not impossible.

Their new logo update is done.

Airlift Northwest is already getting requests for landing zone classes. They will be at the conference in Leavenworth in March. They are also working with Laurie Robinson from Astria regarding patient packaging for ED nurse skills day review in March. This will be for all Astria hospitals. EMS is always welcome.

ALNW is now using the Yakima based team for Intra-aortic Balloon Pump patients in Eastern Washington.

- 9.** The next meeting will be **April 4, 2019 at 1:30 pm**, Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services, 2403 S. 18th Street, Union Gap, Classroom B.

- 10.** Meeting adjourned.



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Bi-Monthly 2018 Training Report
Months: November 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/3/2018	2018 Workshop A (Mod 1&2 Skills) Makeup	FD #5, St #5 & 7 @ Sawyer	7	2.00
	2018 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills) Makeup		5	2.00
	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills) Makeup		8	2.00
11/14/2018	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills)	Gleed FD	8	2.00
11/14/2018	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills)	Naches Hts FD	7	2.00
	2018 ILS Workshop C		1	1.00
11/19/2018	2018 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	East Valley FD	4	2.00
11/19/2018	2018 Workshop A (Mod 1&2 Skills) Makeup	Yakima FD, St #95	11	2.00
	2018 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills) Makeup		14	2.00
	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills) Makeup		10	2.00
11/20/2018	2018 Workshop A (Mod 1&2 Skills) Makeup	Yakima FD, St #95	11	2.00
	2018 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills) Makeup		11	2.00
	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills) Makeup		9	2.00
11/20/2018	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills)	East Valley FD	15	2.00
11/28/2018	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills)	East Valley FD	4	2.00
11/28/2018	2018 Workshop A (Mod 1&2 Skills) Makeup	Yakima FD, St #95	14	2.00
	2018 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills) Makeup		16	2.00
	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills) Makeup		18	2.00
12/15/2018	2018 Workshop A (Mod 1&2 Skills) Makeup	East Valley Fire Department	3	2.00
	2018 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills) Makeup		6	2.00
	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills) Makeup		6	2.00
12/17/2018	2018 Workshop A (Mod 1&2 Skills) Makeup	Yakima Fire Dept, St# 95	4	2.00
	2018 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills) Makeup		3	2.00
	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills) Makeup		6	2.00
12/18/2018	2018 Workshop A (Mod 1&2 Skills) Makeup	Yakima Fire Dept, St #95	11	2.00
	2018 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills) Makeup		9	2.00
	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills) Makeup		8	2.00
12/18/2018	2018 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Highland FD @ Cowiche	13	2.00
12/20/2018	2018 Workshop A (Mod 1&2 Skills) Makeup	Yakima Fire Dept, St #95	5	2.00
	2018 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills) Makeup		3	2.00
	2018 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills) Makeup		6	2.00
TOTALS			256	61.00
AVERAGES			8.26	1.97

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES (MAKEUPS)

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/17/2018	2016 Workshop C Makeup	Sawyer	3	1.00
11/17/2018	2017 Workshop A Makeup	Sawyer	2	1.00
11/17/2018	2017 Workshop B Makeup	Sawyer	3	1.00
11/17/2018	2017 Workshop C Makeup	Sawyer	3	1.00
12/5/2018	2017 Workshop C Makeup	Grandview	1	1.00
12/5/2018	2018 ILS Workshop A	Sunnyside	3	1.00



TOTALS	15	6.00
AVERAGES	2.50	1.00

2019 WINTER EMT ACADEMY				
Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
12/1/2018	AHA PCP (HCP) Course for upcoming EMT students	YCDEMS Classrooms	23	6.00
12/8/2018	EMT - Mandatory Student Orientation	YCDEMS Classrooms	35	3.00
TOTALS			58	9.00
AVERAGES			29.00	4.50

INSTRUCTOR COURSES				
Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/8/2018	Refresher EMS Evaluator Course	YCDEMS, Classrooms	8	3.00
11/17/2018	Refresher EMS Evaluator Course	YCDEMS, Classrooms	4	3.00
12/8/2018	Initial EMS Evaluator Course	YCDEMS, Classrooms	13	6.00
12/10/2018	Refresher EMS Evaluator Course	YCDEMS, Classrooms	10	3.00
TOTALS			35	15.00
AVERAGES			8.75	3.75

	Students	Hours
OVERALL TOTALS	364	91.00
OVERALL AVERAGES	8.60	2.14