

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



JUNE 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		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		X						
	Diane Koch, Secretary	None	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	Open	X		X		X							
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Dave Lynde, AMR	Treena Russell, ALS	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, Past-Chair	X		X									
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Katrina Peck, Trauma Program Coordinator, Astria Toppenish Hospital	Open	X		X		X							
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA, Chair	Ken Anderson, SSFD	X		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			

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 11 members present. Seven representatives and four alternates. One alternate was voting at this meeting.

2. Guests: Jacob Grant from ALS and Kate Knudson from Airlift Northwest.

3. Approval and correction of minutes.

Dave Lynde made a motion to approve the minutes from April, seconded by Ken Eakin. Motion passed.

4. Correspondence – None

5. Committee Reports

Medical Control: Kevin Hodges

No report.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

The Regional Council meeting was canceled. There is however, a report from the DOH Steering Committee.

❖ 2021 Legislation Related to EMS

- Senate House Bill 1276 EMTs in Diversion Centers has passed into law.
 - ✓ Amends RCW 18.73.030 to define an Emergency Services Supervisory Organization (ESSO).
 - ✓ Amends RCW 18.73.0303 to allow EMTs to work for ESSO's.
 - ✓ amends RCW 18.73.130 to include ESSO's as being exempt from licensure as an EMS service.

DOH implementation work will include developing standards for ESSO. Update internal process for recognition. Update application for recognition. Develop an FAQ and update the website.

- Senate Bill 5198 Personal on Ambulances in Rural Areas has passed into law.
 - ✓ SB 5198 amends RCW 18.73.150 to allow volunteer ambulance services established by an association made up of two or more municipalities in rural area with insufficient personnel to use a non-medically trained person to drive an ambulance with approval from the DOH, and maintains the requirements that:
 1. the driver must be at least 18 years of age and possesses a valid driver's license with no restrictions;
 2. an emergency medical technician accompanies the driver; and
 3. allows the driver to provide medical care to patients to the level they are trained.

Implementation includes updating our internal process document, external guidance, website FAQ, and communicating the change to stakeholders in GovDelivery.

- Senate Bill 5075 Safe Station Pilot Program did not pass.



- ❖ EMS Rulemaking Meeting
This has concluded. Leadership is meeting weekly to draft proposed amendments in the official format required (approximately 1/3 of the way done) and will make the draft available to stakeholders for review as soon as they are done. This will then move into the CR102 phase of rulemaking.
- ❖ WEMSIS Rulemaking
The rule-making process for the EMS reporting requirements signed into law in 2019 (SSB 5380, section 19) has concluded. They are now in the CR102 (Public Comment) phase and will be updating stakeholders as needed.
- ❖ The Min/Max workgroup met again. Progress has been made refining the recommendation and have another meeting scheduled in June. This will be followed by Stakeholder meetings in the fall.
- ❖ Discussion on term lengths for the Steering Committee members, as well as recognition of the terms of service for those retiring or who had reached their term limits.
- ❖ The Regional Plans were presented and approved by the Steering Committee.
- ❖ RAC TAC report, Injury and Violence Prevention report and Trauma Care Fund spending plan presentation.

SunCom Wayne Wantland Interim Manager – no report.

Department of EMS: Brian Ireton

- EMT class no change, 13 of 14 students passed on the first try. One person who failed has not applied to retake the exam and one person has yet to apply for the exam.
- AEMT course application process closed on June 1st and we only had 3 applications. This has been canceled for July and we will reapply to have this course start in January 2022.
- We are still planning on the IV course starting the beginning of August, applications are due by July 1.
- OTEP transition to the Benton/Franklin County plan is moving forward. We worked with the Training Officers and Chiefs on that process, and it is now moving forward to Dr. Hodges and the State for approval. We will not be forced to use CBC for ALS OTEP. We will have an outline for ALS OTEP, and everyone will follow the same schedule, but you will be able to use your own platform.
- We are working on a Comprehensive Airway Management plan for MPD approval, so we can provide this course here.



Yakima Health District: Nathan Johnson

Vaccine efforts are continuing throughout the County. As of June 2nd, the population (approximately 188,000) that is 16 and older, approximately 53.64% have started their vaccinations and 45.46% are fully vaccinated. Out of the **total** population in the County approximately 33.24% have been fully vaccinated. There is still a lot of work to do. We will continue with our mobile sites and a fixed site moving forward.

June 30th is the date per the Governor for full re-opening of Washington state.

Fall flu season was good last year because of masking and social distancing. Those guidelines will not be in place this fall so there is a potential for a worse flu season. We also have not had a bad flu season since the closure of Astria Regional. This may make for an interesting flu season.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

A. COPS #12 – Brian Ireton

This County Operating Procedure needs to be re-written to fall in line with the specific requirements of the MPD and the process he wishes for paramedics and AEMTs to follow. In the past, most of the MPDs have been open to what was already written. However, Dr. Hodges is very specific on what he wants/requires.

With that in mind we met with the agencies and cleaned up the process and incorporated Dr. Hodges' process. Dr. Hodges has reviewed it and has no feedback at this time. This was distributed for review and approval.

Dave Lynde reviewed this early in the day and had questions/suggestions:

- 1) Why did we not simply take the Tri-Cities County Operating Procedure and make ours exactly the same?
Because the agencies here, requested to keep some things in place.
- 2) Under Procedure A.2. recommend using WAC 246-976, and leave out 141 & 142, as this will direct people to the EMS section of the WACs, so as they are re-written, or the numbers change this will still be valid.
- 3) Under Procedure A.4.a. remove the word "letter", so it reads: "MPD from most recent agency of association....."
- 4) Under Procedure A.4.b. – Washington State does not approve programs outside of Washington State. Suggest that it says:
"Course completion certificate or school letter of successful completion from an accredited program."
- 5) B. remove the following "and with MPD approval" and "per WAC 18.71" and "ALS level unit" change to "Once the above has been submitted and State certification achieved per WAC 246-976, the provider may begin their orientation hours on an appropriate level unit with a Field Training Officer."
- 6) Change B.1. to "20 ALS calls on a primary-response appropriate level ambulance with a currently certified paramedic"
- 7) B.2. remove the words "patient contact" and otherwise is fine.



- 8) B.2.e. remove the list of forms and change it to say "Meet with the MPD for an oral interview. At this time proof of completion of the above must be presented to the Yakima County EMS Office, prior to the scheduled meeting, on the MPD approved forms."
- 9) Discussion on "F" and the appropriateness of waivers.
- 10)D. move second sentence, after the list.

If you work in both Benton County and Yakima County, you must be certified in both counties. The hospital systems work very differently. You would not have to do everything again, such as the protocol exam.

Discussion on whether there is a need to complete this immediately. We have several other County Operating Procedures that need changes. In addition, there will be a specific order for the County Operating Procedures.

Currently this is the process required by Dr. Hodges, not what we currently have written and approved.

8. Good of the Order

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



Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council
Bi-Monthly 2021 Training Report
Months: March 1, 2021 - April 30, 2021

OPEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/1/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2)	FD #5, St#1 White Swan	5	2.00
3/2/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	West Valley FD, St #51 - Day Drill	6	2.00
3/2/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	Nile FD	3	2.00
3/3/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	Selah FD, St #21&22 @ 21	16	2.00
3/3/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	Selah FD, St #24&26 @ 24	11	2.00
3/4/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	Yakima Training Center FD	12	2.00
3/4/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	FD#5, St#3 & St#4 @ Harrah	4	2.00
3/4/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	FD #5, St#15 @ Mabton	9	2.00
3/9/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2)	FD #5, St#10 @ Zillah	12	2.00
3/10/2021	2021 ILS Skills Workshop A	Grant Co FD#8 @ Mattawa	7	1.00
	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)		13	2.00
3/10/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	West Valley FD, St #51	19	2.00
3/10/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	West Valley FD, St #53	1	2.00
3/11/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	Yakima Training Center FD	8	2.00
3/11/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	FD #5, St#9 @ Toppenish	7	2.00
3/16/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	Klickitat Co FD#2 @ Bickleton	7	2.00
	2021 ILS Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)		2	1.00
3/17/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	FD #5, St#14 @ Grandview	15	2.00
3/18/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	FD #5, St#6 @ Wapato	4	2.00
3/22/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	FD #5, St#5 & St#7 @ Sawyer	14	2.00
3/23/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	FD #5, St#11, St#12 & St#16 @ Outlook	10	2.00
3/23/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	Naches FD	11	2.00
3/24/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	FD #5, St#13 @ Sunnyside	21	2.00
3/24/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	West Valley FD, St #52	13	2.00
3/24/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2)	West Valley FD, St #54	6	2.00
4/3/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2) Makeup	FD#5, St#7 @ Sawyer	15	2.00
4/14/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	Gleed FD	12	2.00
4/14/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	Naches Hts FD	8	2.00
	2021 ILS Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)		1	1.00
4/19/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	Yakima FD, Station #91	13	2.00
4/19/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	East Valley FD	5	2.00
4/19/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	Yakima FD, Station #94	10	2.00
4/20/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	East Valley FD	14	2.00
4/20/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	Highland FD @ Cowiche	8	2.00
4/21/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	Yakima FD, Station #91	12	2.00
4/21/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	Yakima FD, Station #94	14	2.00
4/23/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	Yakima FD, Station #91	13	2.00
4/23/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	Yakima FD, Station #94	7	2.00
4/28/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	East Valley FD	5	2.00
TOTALS			373	75.00
AVERAGES			9.56	1.92



IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES (MAKEUPS)

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/16/2021	2020 Workshop B & C Makeup	Klickitat Co FD#2 @ Bickleton	1	1.00
TOTALS			1	1.00
AVERAGES			1.00	1.00

IN HOUSE SPECIALITY CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
3/16/2021	2020 iGel Skills Workshop	Klickitat Co FD#2 @ Bickleton	5	2.00
TOTALS			5	2.00
AVERAGES			5.00	2.00

2021 EMT ACADEMY

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
3/1/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Chest and Abdominal injuries	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
3/4/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Ortho Injuries	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	2
3/6/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.5
3/8/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Environmental emergencies	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	2
3/11/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Professional issues and communications	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	2
3/13/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Putting it All Together Skills and Debriefing Putting it All Together	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.5
3/15/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Rescue and Transport operations	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	2
3/18/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Group testing and skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	2
3/20/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.5
3/22/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Group testing and Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	2
3/25/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Open Night & Final Exam Review	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	2
3/27/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Final Practical Exam	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.5
3/29/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Final Written Exam	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	2
3/30-4/23/21	EMT Course Ride Time Starts	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom		
4/24/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Course Conclusion/Special Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.5
TOTALS			212	50.5
AVERAGES			15.14	3.61



INSTRUCTOR COURSE

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
2/27/2021	OTEP Instructor Workshop A	2403 S. 18th St., Union Gap, Classroom	1	1
4/17/2021	OTEP Instructor Workshop B	2404 S. 18th St., Union Gap, Classroom	3	2
4/19/2021	OTEP Instructor Workshop B	2405 S. 18th St., Union Gap, Classroom	2	2
TOTALS			6	5.0
AVERAGES			2.00	1.67

	Students	Hours
OVERALL TOTALS	597	133.50
OVERALL AVERAGES	10.29	2.30