



# **Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council**



## **OCTOBER 2019 MINUTES**



**YAKIMA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL**  
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**Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council  
 Attendance Record for January– December 2019**

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		October		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)	Kay Funk, City of Yakima Council	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD										X		
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, West Valley FD	Open												
Yakima County 9-1-1	Brad Coughenour, SunCom 911	Stacey Garcia, SunCom 911	X		X		X					X		
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Wendy Moudy, EMS Ops Manager	X	X	X			X				X		
	<i>Diane Koch, Secretary</i>	None	X		X		X					X		

**UPPER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES**

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		October		Aug		Oct		Dec	
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
Fire Service	Gary Hanna, Selah FD	Ken Frazier, Gleed FD	X	X	X	X		X			X			
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, Virginia Mason Memorial	<i>Laurie Robinson, Astria Regional Medical Center, Chair</i>		X	X	X		X			X	X		
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	<i>Dave Lynde, AMR, Past-Chair</i>	Brian Ireton, ALS	X	X	X	X	X				X			

**LOWER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES**

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		October		Aug		Oct		Dec	
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
Fire Service	Tim Smith, Toppenish FD	<i>Joel Byam, FD #5, Chair-Elect</i>		X	X	X		X			X	X		
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Open Astria Toppenish Hospital	Open Astria Sunnyside Hospital												
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA	Ken Anderson, SSFD	X	X	X	X					X	X		

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Agency/Department	Representative	Feb	April	October	Aug	Oct	Dec
South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council	Zita Wiltgen						

**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 present. Seven representatives and 5 alternates. Two alternates were voting at this meeting.
2. **Guests:** Dennis Hoover, Virginia Mason Memorial, Aaron Markham, Yakima Fire Department, and John Nokes, Advanced Life Systems.
3. **Approval and correction of minutes.**  
Dave Lynde moved to approve the minutes from June 6, 2019, as sent. Ken Eakin seconded. Motion passed.
4. **Correspondence** – Laurie Robinson  
None.
5. **Committee Reports**

**Medical Control: Tony Miller**

Dr. Maltz was deployed as of September 1 and has decided not to come back as MPD, as he felt he was not able to devote enough time to the position. The State has assigned Dr. Kevin Hodges from Benton/Franklin/Adams Counties. He does not want to make any major changes in Yakima County. He does have a few improvements he would like to implement. He will be the interim MPD for 6 months, after which the State and Dr. Hodges will evaluate whether he wishes to stay as the MPD or whether we need to find a new MPD. The State is considering changing to Regional MPDs.

**Regional Council: Dave Lynde**

- A. Under SSB5380 WEMIS reporting will be mandatory for licensed ambulance and aid services. DOH will be opening up rules on WEMIS Jan 2020 and begin work with expectation of being complete 2021. As the SC Region chair he will be getting a list of agencies that are already submitting and will be contacting those agencies that are not submitting to see why and what help may be offered.
- B. The American College of Surgeons conducted an assessment of Washington's EMS & Trauma System in April 2019. The written assessment report was released this summer and offered recommendations for improvement. The report can be found at this link:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMISystems/EMSandTraumaCareSystemAssessment>

The Department of Health will be holding forums across the state to engage stakeholders and gather community feedback on the assessment from EMS and Trauma care providers, community members, legislators, Tribes, and others. These are open public forums, and all are welcome. Yakima will be hosting one October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 1 pm at the DSHS Community Services Office 1002 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Yakima. Forums will be focusing on 4 categories. Link for the forums:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/2900/EMSTCareSystemAssessmentForumInvitation.pdf>



- Access to care
- Improving patient outcomes
- Patient and community safety
- Being good stewards of state resources

There will be 30-minute presentation followed by the 4 breakout sessions. Side note a single person will only have time to attend two.

Comments will be gathered and taken to the Steering Committee to prioritizing and implement plans. The desire will be to have a path forward by July 2020.

- C. The DOH is in its 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Initial NREMT pilot program. For this round, 45 EMT initial testing NREMT vouchers were received to assist rural departments with the cost of training their volunteers. Application and program FAQ is found on our DOH website.  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/EMSEducationandTraining/NationalRegistryInformation/VoucherProgramFAQs>

If you wish to apply for assistance **do not pay for the exam**. Apply for assistance and wait to receive the voucher.

- D. A presentation on Public records/record retention online training at  
<https://www.atg.wa.gov/opengovernmenttraining.aspx>
- E. The DOH made a presentation reviewing the results of the Rural EMS Attributes Survey. It provided information on the project background, process and methods, as well as outcomes and next steps of the assessment.

One of the recommendations was to have more Stroke Awareness. It was recommended that the Yakima County Department of EMS place the AHA FAST exam on their website and Facebook page.

DOH is recommending a Part Time Verification Pilot Program that will explore the options and ensure that it does not complicate existing regulations and procedure.

### **SunCom 911 – Stacey Garcia – None**

#### **Department of EMS: Tony Miller**

- A. Approve 2020 EMT Academy State Application. Steve Smith will be the SEI and Jeremy Rodriguez will be the SEI candidate.
- B. Approve 2019 BLS Evaluator State Applications (Refreshers on 10/12, 11/16, 12/9 and Initial on 12/14).
- C. Approve Supraglottic Airway Course for Yakima Fire Department (11/13). Motion to approve Tim Smith all of the classes, seconded Gary Hanna. Motion approved



- D. Training report May-August, we provided 466 students with 124 hours of training. Report attached.

## 6. Old Business:

- A. Trauma Response Area Maps – Dave Lynde  
An overall map was received and a few corrections needed to be made. Now we are getting individual maps for each area/agency. Will take the individual maps around to the departments/districts for review and to get descriptions.

## 7. New Business:

- A. Appoint Nominations Committee – The following volunteered and were duly appointed:  
Dave Lynde, Ken Eakin, Tammy Pettis
- B. County Operating Procedures – Dave Lynde  
The last update was sent to the State for approval about 2 years ago and have never been approved. There are some changes that have happened since that time and these need to be updated. In particular, the MCI COP needs to meet National Standards. Tony Miller motioned to update the COPS, Laurie Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

The COPS will be sent out to everyone for review.

- C. Stroke Awareness Campaign – covered under Regional Council Report

## 8. Good of the Order

- A. On the next meeting day, December 5<sup>th</sup>, the South Central Region Council will be meeting (the normal meeting day falls on Thanksgiving). It was decided to start the local council meeting at 3:30 pm that day to ensure everyone is able to attend both meetings.
- B. Dennis Hoover, Virginia Mason Memorial, Cardiovascular Services Director  
Provided information about using technology to notify hospitals from the field. There are currently 2 programs available. Both state they are able to transmit 12-Leads, videos, data and other pertinent patient information (i.e., allergies) before the patient ever reaches the hospital. The system would send alerts to the appropriate hospital staff such as cardiologist, cath labs, etc.

The system is being deployed throughout Washington State. Studies show that prehospital notification times are cut down. Most hospitals on west side are using Pulsara. Before anything of this type could be implemented in Yakima County it would need to be a community standard involving both Astria and Virginia Mason Memorial and all of the transport agencies. All of the costs reside with the hospitals and it is free to EMS. It will involve training and community coordination.

A community stakeholder meeting involving hospitals and transport agencies will be arranged.



- C. Joel Byam reported concerns regarding ambulance services contacting the hospitals regarding patients who frequently using the EMS system and the emergency departments. There are hospitals that when contacted are telling the ambulance providers that they “are not to bring the patient here – there is nothing wrong with them – we just saw them”.

This is causing the volunteers great concern and is leading to patients not being seen when they are requesting transport to the hospital.

John Nokes, ALS, recommended contacting “Consistent Care” for a referral. There is no guarantee of services when a patient is referred. However with the diversity of the Consistent Care group there are many options for getting proper care for many people. Services range from medical and mental health to housing and rehabilitation. To refer a patient you need a minimum of a name and date of birth. There are several check boxes on the form and you should do your best to fill these out. The most important box is the narrative section. Give as much pertinent detail as possible so the correct services can be contacted.

<https://www.consistentcare.org/faq>

Please keep in mind this is not a replacement for CPS/APS reports.

9. The next meeting will be **December 5, 2019 at 3:30 pm**, Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services, 2403 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Union Gap, Classroom B.
10. Meeting adjourned.



**Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council**  
**Bi-Monthly 2019 Training Report**  
**Months: May 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019**

**OPEP CLASSES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Hours</b>
5/1/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Selah FD, St #21&22 @ 21	21	2
5/1/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Selah FD, St #24&26 @ 24	6	2
5/2/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Yakima Training Center FD	12	2
5/2/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#15 @ Mabton	8	2
5/2/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#3 & St#4 @ Harrah	12	2
5/6/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#1 White Swan	2	2
5/7/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	West Valley FD, St #51 - Day Drill	6	2
5/8/2019	2019 ILS Skills Workshop B	GCFD#8 @ Mattawa	5	1
	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)		13	2
5/8/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	West Valley FD, St #51	14	2
5/8/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	West Valley FD, St #53	5	2
5/9/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Yakima Training Center FD	7	2
5/9/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#9 @ Toppenish	6	2
5/14/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#10 @ Zillah	15	2
5/15/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#14 @ Grandview	12	2
5/16/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#6 @ Wapato	11	2
5/21/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	KCFD#2 @ Bickleton	7	2
5/21/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Nile FD	8	2
5/21/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#5 & St#7 @ Sawyer	16	2
5/22/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#13 @ Sunnyside	32	2
5/22/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	West Valley FD, St #52	9	2
5/22/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	West Valley FD, St #54	6	2
5/28/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Naches FD	13	2
5/28/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#11 Granger, St#12 Outlook & St#16 Satus @ Outlook	13	2
6/1/2019	<b>2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&amp;2) Makeup</b>	FD #5, St#7 @ Sawyer	7	2
	<b>2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&amp;4) Makeup</b>		15	2
6/12/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Gleed FD	9	2
6/12/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Naches Hts FD	5	2
6/17/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Yakima FD, Station #91	13	2
6/17/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Yakima FD, Station #94	12	2
6/17/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	East Valley FD	6	2
6/18/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Highland FD @ Cowiche	14	2
6/18/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	East Valley FD	17	2
6/19/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Yakima FD, Station #91	12	2
6/19/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Yakima FD, Station #94	10	2
6/21/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Yakima FD, Station #91	9	2
6/21/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Yakima FD, Station #94	7	2
6/21/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	East Valley FD	4	2
No OPEP Classes Scheduled in July or August				
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>399</b>	<b>75.0</b>
<b>AVERAGES</b>			<b>10.50</b>	<b>1.97</b>



**IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES (MAKEUPS)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Hours</b>
3/18/2019	2019 Workshop A (turned in late)	American Medical Response	7	2
3/21/2019	2019 Workshop A (turned in late)	American Medical Response	2	2
5/16/2019	2017 Workshop A - Makeup	Sunnyside Fire Dept	1	1
5/16/2019	2017 Workshop B - Makeup	Sunnyside Fire Dept	1	1
5/23/2019	2017 Workshop C - Makeup	Sunnyside Fire Dept	1	1
5/24/2019	2019 Workshop B	Advanced Life Systems	4	2
5/25/2019	2019 Workshop B	Advanced Life Systems	2	2
5/26/2019	2019 Workshop B	Advanced Life Systems	11	2
5/30/2019	2019 Workshop B	Advanced Life Systems	6	2
6/24/2019	2019 Workshop B	American Medical Response	3	2
6/27/2019	2019 Workshop B	American Medical Response	5	2
6/28/2019	2019 Workshop B	American Medical Response	4	2
8/14/2019	2018 Workshop C - Makeup	Naches Heights FD	2	2
8/21/2019	Washington State Infectious Disease Course	Yakima FD	3	4
8/21/2019	Supraglottic Airway Course	Yakima FD	3	4
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>55</b>	<b>31.0</b>
<b>AVERAGES</b>			<b>3.67</b>	<b>2.07</b>

**RN to EMT Course**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Hours</b>
5/6/2019	Practical Skills Day	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	4	6
5/7/2019	Practical Skills Day	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	4	6
5/8/2019	Final Practical Exam - Written & Practical	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	4	6
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>18.0</b>
<b>AVERAGES</b>			<b>4.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>

	<b>Students</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>124.0</b>
<b>OVERALL AVERAGES</b>	<b>8.32</b>	<b>2.21</b>