

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



OCTOBER 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				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	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			X		
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Brian Ireton, EMS Ops Manager		X		X		X		X		X		
	Diane Koch, Secretary	None	X		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		X			
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, YVMH	Jackie Wantland, YVMH	X		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		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	X	X		
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Jody Shively, Astria Sunnyside Hospital	Steve Bews, Astria Toppenish Hospital										X		
Ambulance Service	<i>Wayne Guckert, WSA, Past-Chair</i>	Ken Anderson, SSFD			X		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			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 15 members present, 8 representatives, 6 alternates and 1 ex-officio member. Three 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: Ryan Bohlke, ALNW and Jacob Grant from ALS .

3. Approval and correction of minutes.

Dave Lynde made a motion was made to approve the minutes from August 4, 2022, and Wayne Guckert seconded. Motion passed.

4. Correspondence - None

5. Committee Reports

Medical Control: Kevin Hodges – reported by Diane Koch

New initial protocol exams have been written for paramedics. The updated quiz for paramedics has been released in Ninth Brain and all paramedics have until December 1st to complete these.

There will be no update protocol quiz for EMTs or AEMTs, as Dr. Hodges felt there were not enough changes this to time to warrant that.

Initial EMT and AEMT exams are being updated. Currently we will continue to use the old exams, which are available in Ninth Brain by request.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

- There was not a quorum at the meeting, so it was an informational meeting.
- Budget items needed to be approved.
- Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland is applying to the State to be a Level 2 Trauma hospital. Kadlec was ready to apply to become a level 2 just before the pandemic hit and the state placed a moratorium on changing/adding new trauma hospitals. Kadlec requested that the Steering Committee to support their hospital changing to a level 2 despite a moratorium. After a discussion the Steering Committee is writing a letter in support of Kadlec Regional Medical Center becoming a Level 2 Trauma hospital. Per Dr. Hodges, a site visit is scheduled early 2023.
- The updated Yakima County COPS were sent to the State for review and since we switched to an entirely new format, the document submitted did not include track changes. The State rejected the COPS based on this. Dave went back and redid a document with track changes, line by line. The COPS have been resubmitted to the State for review and approval.
- Regional system plan was discussed and reviewed. It was sent out for comment and suggestions to each of the County Councils. There are two parts, we reviewed the executive summary and asked for descriptions of the County. Dave Lynde submitted one, which was helpful, and he will be submitting it to this group for review and approval. It is still open for



editing. The other section of the Regional plan is the goals, objectives, and strategies. And this is the work that the Regional and local Councils complete, for example reviewing the minimum/maximum numbers and reviewing the trauma response area maps. By contract with DOH, those objectives are done every 2 years, along with other work that is in the plan. This is how we get our funding each year and have funds to distribute to the counties. I would like to have as many as possible look at the plan and send me your suggestions by December 1st. We will presenting the draft language at the next Regional Council meeting for consideration. Willing to come out to our next meeting to review the trauma response area maps or we can set up an online meeting too.

- Data collection 97% - they are going to changing it. It does sound like there will be some changes. When these changes are implemented, we won't look as great, it will show us what we are missing. It will be revised, and we will drill down on what we are missing. The state will have guidance for us and will start this in December report.

SunCom: Angela Brown

Updating BLS recommendations from the City of Yakima because the municipal code for ambulances have changed. This should add more resources within the City of Yakima.

Department of EMS: Brian Ireton

- 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, 12 have passed National Registry. One student failed National Registry and is retesting today.
- The Fall EMT course has 13 students currently. Mid-terms this weekend and we will see where the students are at.
- We have put out applications for instructors again. We currently have 5, possibly 6 candidates. Setting up interviews. One person can't do OTEP, but we are going to that person to take over AFA/CPR courses for the fire departments. We currently have 10 instructors on the list, but only have 3 to 4 instructors per quarter that are active. We would like to double the number of active instructors, as we seem to be relying heavily on 2 to 3 instructors.

Yakima Health District: None

6. Old Business:

- A. Prehospital min/max numbers – Dave Lynde reported that a group met and reviewed where we are and where we have been and where we would like to be. A draft "Proposal to Revise the Minimum and Maximum Number of Trauma Verified Prehospital EMS Resources" was presented. The numbers have been adjusted to the current status in Yakima County. This provides system stability, avoids saturation of resources and duplication of services.



Ken Eakin made a motion to approve this document and to send it to the Regional Council, seconded by Tammy Pettis. Motion carried. (draft document attached).

- B. Trauma response area maps – Dave Lynde reported that Yakima County currently has 3 trauma response areas: Grandview, Sunnyside, and the rest of Yakima County. Do we make a trauma response area that is identified for every agency? For the ambulance services, this is pretty easy as trauma response area 1 is all of the upper county and half way to Sunnyside, which ALS and AMR cover. Response Area 2 is Sunnyside, and the Response Area 3 is the Grandview area and Sunnyside Fire Department covers both areas. That is not the same for the trauma verified aid services. For example, Gleed FD is in Trauma Response Area 1, as is part of Yakima County Fire District #5. Do we want to define for example: City of Yakima FD as Trauma Response area 4 and Gleed FD as Trauma Response area 5 and so forth and get accurate descriptions from each aid service. Currently these exist, as when the aid services submit for their license they do not put in all of “Trauma Response Area 1” as their response area, rather they define their response area.

The goal is with the State maps is to make sure every area is covered. We know that not every area has coverage. There are places that nobody goes because they simply are not accessible. This does not mean we do not get there, but they are not really in anyone’s trauma response area. There is essentially no area in the County that EMS would not go if summoned. Much further is a lot of work. Currently our maps meet what the State is asking us for.

7. New Business

- A. Nominations Committee – Dave Lynde, Chair, Ken Eakin, Ken Frazier, Treena Russell, and Tammy Pettis.
- B. County Description – Dave Lynde reported that as part of our work we need to expand on the description of our county for the trauma plan. Zita sent an email to Ken Eakin and Dave Lynde for input and to bring it to the Council. Zita has reviewed what was written and said we are meeting the ask.

DRAFT Yakima County Description

Approved by vote of the Council and submitted to the Region on October 6, 2022

What we currently have:

Yakima County has a land area of 4,295.40 square miles and a population of 250,873. Within the County is the Yakima Indian Reservation, which is the 15th largest reservation in America, Mount Adams a popular recreational destination as well as agriculture

Proposed new language:

Yakima County has a land area of 4,295.40 square miles and a population of 256,728. Yakima is the second largest county in Washington state at 2.75 million acres. Three entities own 63.4 percent of this total:

- The Yakama Nation (1,074,174 acres)
- The U.S. Forest Service (503,726 acres)
- The Yakima Training Center (165,787 acres)

The geography varies from densely timbered, mountainous terrain in the west, rolling foothills, broad valleys, and arid regions to the east and fertile valleys in its central and southern parts.



Agriculture has been the staple of the economy over the last 100 years and population surges are experienced with associated harvest seasons of crops.

Yakima County enjoys all 4 seasons and can experience adverse weather conditions during the winter months. With limited advanced care capabilities, transfer patterns for those requiring a higher level of care can often be interrupted during the winter months with long transport times, unsafe road conditions, or mountain pass closures.

Dave Lynde made a motion to accept the draft of the Yakima County Description as presented. Diane Koch seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Zita will accept the description, as written but will edit the format and will add a couple of extra sentences that will not change the description.

C. COGs – Dave Lynde

We removed several of the county operating procedures, as there were items that would be better served under our control, rather than the State's control.

- Guideline A: Orientation Procedure for ALS and ILS is exactly what is already being done and matches the requirements of Dr. Hodges, MPD.
- Guideline B – Data Tracking, this is currently a place holder. There is a lot of data available, but we don't really do anything with it. We would like to have this formalized into a county process and if we change people entering data, then whoever took over would be able to know what is expected and what the process is.
- Guideline C – We took the document from the QA/QI and copied it. Some changes were made by Dave removing the names of specific people and using job titles instead. Letter D was removed, as it was deemed unnecessary.

If you have any ideas on data you would like to see from WEMISIS, please bring those to our next meeting.

The COGS are attached to minutes, with the changes made by Dave Lynde, tracked.

8. Good of the Order – Due to the Regional Council and the Regional CQI meeting taking place on December 1st, Dave Lynde made a motion to move the local council meeting to 2:30 pm on December 1st. Motion seconded by second by Ken Eakin. Motion passed.

9. NEXT MEETING – December 1, 2022, at 14:30

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

10. Adjournment – Diane Koch made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Tammy Pettis. Motion passed.



Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council
Bi-Monthly 2022 Training Report
Months: July 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
2022 Module 3 and Module 4 released in Ninth Brain				

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
7/18/22	2022 BLS Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	American Medical Response	2	2.00
7/22/22	2022 BLS Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	American Medical Response	2	2.00
7/22/22	2022 ALS (Paramedic)Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills)	American Medical Response	1	1.00
8/18/22	2022 BLS Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills)	Advanced Life Systems	17	2.00
8/18/22	2022 ALS (Paramedic)Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills)	Advanced Life Systems	3	2.00
8/22/22	2022 BLS Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills)	American Medical Response	9	2.00
8/22/22	2022 ALS (Paramedic)Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills)	American Medical Response	4	1.00
8/25/22	2022 BLS Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills)	American Medical Response	17	2.00
8/25/22	2022 ALS (Paramedic)Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills)	American Medical Response	4	1.00
8/31/22	2022 BLS Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Advanced Life Systems	2	2.00
TOTALS			61	17.00
AVERAGES			6	1.70

2022 SUPRAGLOTTIC AIRWAY ENDORSEMENT COURSE

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
7/1/22-7/19/22	Complete Online Portion of SGA Course	Ninth Brain	24	2.00
7/1/22-7/19/22	SGA Skills Sign Off	ALS and AMR	15	4.00
7/20/22	SGA Skills Sign Off	YCDEMS Classrooms	9	4.00
TOTALS			48	10.00
AVERAGES			16.00	3.33

2022 FALL EMT COURSE

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
8/8/22	Fall EMT Course - Lesson 1: CPR/Resuscitation	YCDEMS Classrooms	14	4.00
8/13/22	Fall EMT Course - Mandatory Student Orientation, Instructor / Coordinator Introductions, Course Structure, How to use the Technology Resources (NB and JB Learning), Travis Alert Act OTEP Module in NB	YCDEMS Classrooms	14	4.00
8/20/22	Fall EMT Course - Reading Comprehension #1	Due in Ninth Brain	14	
8/27/22	Fall EMT Course - Reading Comprehension #2	Due in Ninth Brain	14	
TOTALS			70	10.00
AVERAGES			14.00	3.33
GRAND TOTALS			179	37.00
GRAND AVERAGES			12	2.70