

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



OCTOBER 2021 MINUTES



**Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council
 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		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	Stacey Garcia, 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			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, Gleed FD	Jim Lange, Selah FD	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, YVMH	Open	X		X		X				X			
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Dave Lynde, AMR	Treena Russell, ALS	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, Past-Chair	X		X									
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Katrina Peck, Trauma Program Coordinator, Astria Toppenish Hospital	Open	X		X		X				X			
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA, Chair	Ken Anderson, SSFD	X		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 12 members present. Six representatives and 6 alternates. Three alternates were voting at this meeting.

2. **Guests:** Scott Zachau, AMR, and Zita Wiltgen, South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council.

3. **Approval and correction of minutes.**
Jim Lange made a motion to approve the minutes from August, seconded by Ken Anderson.
Motion passed.

4. **Correspondence** – None

5. Committee Reports

Medical Control: Kevin Hodges – Dr. Hodges was unable to attend and sent an email report:

The 4th Quarter MPD meeting tomorrow for ALS providers (BLS and ILS are welcome). It is a virtual meeting and will run on Zoom with attendance taken for CME credit.

The major rush Covid-related hospital EMS diversion project that sucked away so much of my time has been completed and my attention will again focus on getting the new protocols reviewed and approved by the state.

OPEP integration with the counties has a solid plan. When it goes into effect, it will supersede all other OPEP agreements to simplify and unify all of the OPEP for Yakima (as well as Benton, Franklin, and Adams). There will be enough time to bring every agency up to speed before full implementation. The goal is to make all OPEP easier for the providers and agencies, and higher quality for the time and expense involved. Thanks to everyone that's been a part of this project.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde reported by Scott Zachau

❖ 2021 Legislation Related to EMS

➤ SB 5198 Personnel 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 a rural area with insufficient personnel to use a non-medically trained person to drive an ambulance with approval from the department, 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.

We have completed our implementation for this legislation. We've updated our processes, guidance documents and website to include the new organization type. More information



about non medically trained drivers can be found at: [Use of Non-Medically Trained Ambulance Drivers :: Washington State Department of Health.](#)

➤ **SHB 1276 EMTs in Diversion Centers has passed into law.**

SHB 1276 which allows EMTs to work with Emergency Services Supervisory Organizations including Diversion Centers. We have identified the components needed for implementation of this law. We are preparing documents and staging the work needed to solicit your input on minimum standards for ESSO's and the process for recognition. Depending on our capacity with pandemic related work, we hope to be ready in October to share our drafts with you.

➤ 2022 legislation coming for EMS to administer vaccinations without an emergency declaration.

❖ **EMS Rulemaking Meeting**

We have reviewed the 33 sections of EMS rules that we are proposing amendments to in WAC 246-976 for EMS rulemaking. We are drafting proposed amendments in the official format we are required to use and will make the draft available to stakeholders for review as soon as we are done. Then we will move into the CR102 phase of rulemaking. We are 2/3 of the way through cross walking proposed amendments into the CR format.

❖ **WEMSIS Rulemaking**

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.

❖ **Statewide EMS Protocol Workgroup**

The DOH has established a statewide EMS Protocol Workgroup as a subgroup to the statewide MPD workgroup. The purpose of the protocol workgroup will be to establish and maintain statewide minimum standards and guidance to assist MPDs in the development of MPD Patient Care Protocols and County Operating Procedures.

Membership includes a minimum of one MPD per region, although all MPDs are welcome to participate. An MPD may designate another physician or person that is a certified EMS provider who has sufficient experience in EMS practice and protocol development to participate in addition to themselves or on their behalf.

Dawn Felt, DOH EMS Education and Training Consultant has been assigned to lead the EMS Protocol workgroup. The first meeting was held on August 24th from 1PM to 3PM. The group will meet monthly. The first guidance document being developed is Guidelines for EMS Response to People Experiencing Behavioral Health Emergencies.

❖ **Governors Proclamation**

Healthcare workers and vaccine - DOH has established guidance regarding the Governors Proclamation for healthcare worker vaccine and we have sent it to our EMS distribution lists.



You can find the guidance on the COVID pages of our DOH website. We recommend checking the guidance occasionally as it may be updated as new information becomes available.

❖ **Regional Council**

Set a statewide goal of 70% of positions filled. State is currently at 59%, our region is at 80% and locally we are 100%.

❖ **Min/Max Workgroup**

Workgroup met June 8 and developed recommendations for accessing the need for additional level 1 and 2 hospitals. Those recommendations will be used in the coming rule making process. CR 101 filed and stakeholder discussions set to kickoff late fall early winter.

SunCom: Erica McNamara reported by Stacey Garcia

The new manager at SunCom is Erica McNamara.

The hiring of additional staffing is continuing, and jobs may be applied for on the City of Yakima Website.

A review of the EMD programs to determine if there may be better solutions/programs than the current King County program is being researched at this time. Currently this is just in the research stage and no changes have been made.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller

- The 2022 Budget for the EMS office is done and has been recommended to the County Board of Commissioners by the Administrative EMS Board.
- 2022 OTEP filming to be done in a few days. Alex Langbell who has been doing our filming for the past several years, has retired from Yakima Fire Department, but has agreed to continue filming our modules, which is why we are having all 4 modules filmed this month.
- For 2022 EMT Academy we have received 13 applications so far. This is down a few from normal, but we did have some of the students who would have taken this course, take the 2021 Rural EMT Course.
- The 2021 Rural EMT Course is on track and continuing.

Yakima Health District: Nathan Johnson

COVID-19

- During September Yakima County was over 1000 cases per 100,000 population. During the last 2 weeks there has been a decrease to 669 cases per 100,000 population as of 10/7/2021. Hospitalizations are also decreasing now.
- There were a record number of deaths related to COVID-19 for 2021 in September. In September there was 45 deaths, the second highest was 27 deaths in August. In June there were 3 deaths.
- Vaccine efforts are continuing throughout the County. Information on locations and times can be found online: <https://www.yakimacounty.us/2472/COVID-19-Vaccine>
- Mobile teams are currently only offering Pfizer.



- Anticipating future approvals expanding who is eligible for third dose boosters in the coming months.

The Health District is pushing the Influenza vaccine this year, as we did not have many cases last year, because of social distancing and the wearing of masks. It is also requested that you stay home if you are sick. Here is a link for flu prevention and where to find vaccines:

<https://www.yakimacounty.us/281/Flu-Prevention>

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

- A. Nominations Committee Appointment – Scott Zachau stated that Dave Lynde volunteered to be the Chair of the Nominations Committee. Chief Ken Frazier and Chief Ken Anderson volunteered to serve on the committee too.

The positions to be filled are:

Chair Elect for 2022, whose job is to fill in when the Chair is unavailable and to be the Chair in 2023.

Secretary, whose job is to take minutes, distribute the minutes, schedule the meetings and distribute the schedule and complete the reports for the Region.

Trenea Russell, ALS agreed to be nominated as the Chair Elect.

Diane Koch, EMS agreed to be nominated as the Secretary.

8. Good of the Order

Kay Funk requested that a reminder for the meeting be sent out 2 days prior to meeting to make it easier to find the Zoom link.

9. NEXT MEETING – December 2, 2021, 13:30

10. **Adjournment** – Jim Lange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ken Anderson. Motion carried.



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Bi-Monthly 2021 Training Report
Months: July 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
2021 Module 5 and 6 and Workshop C completed and released to providers/agencies				

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES (MAKEUPS)

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
8/17/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3 & 4)	American Medical Response	1	2.00
TOTALS			1	2.0
AVERAGES			1.00	2.00

2021 IV ENDORSEMENT COURSE

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
7/24/2021	IV Course Orientation	YCDEMS, Classrooms	8	5
8/1-6/2021	AEMT Ch 7 - The Human Body	Online	8	
	AEMT Ch 8 - Pathophysiology			
8/7/2021	Test #1	YCDEMS Classroom	8	8
	IV/IO Lab			
8/8-13/2021	AEMT Ch 10 - Patient Assessment	Online	8	
	AEMT Ch 14 - Shock			
8/14/2021	Final Test	YCDEMS Classroom	8	8
	IV/IO Lab			
8/15-28/2021	Complete Ambulance Ride Time		8	
TOTALS			48	21
AVERAGES			8	7

	Students	Hours
OVERALL TOTALS	49	23
OVERALL AVERAGES	8.00	7.00