

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



APRIL 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												
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								
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, WVFD	Open	X											
Yakima County 9-1-1	Erica McNamara, Director, SunCom 911	Angela Brown, SunCom 911	X		X									
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Brian Ireton, EMS Ops Manager		X		X								
	Diane Koch, Secretary	None	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								
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, YVMH	Jackie Wantland, YVMH	X		X									
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Dave Lynde, AMR	<i>Treena Russell, ALS, Chair-Elect</i>	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									
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Katrina Peck, Trauma Program Coordinator, Astria Toppenish Hospital	Open												
Ambulance Service	<i>Wayne Guckert, WSA, Past-Chair</i>	Ken Anderson, SSFD			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. Eight representatives and 3 alternates. One alternate was 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 alternate would be the voting member).
2. **Guests:** Kate Knudson, Airlift Northwest, Aaron Markham, Yakima Fire Department, and Jackie Wantland, Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital.
3. **Approval and correction of minutes.**
A motion was made to approve the minutes from February 3, 2022, by Dave Lynde, and seconded by Ken Eakin. Motion passed.
4. **Correspondence**
Email received from the Erica McNamara, Manager, SunComm Yakima 9-1-1, noting that Angela Brown is the new Assistant Manager for SunComm, and she will be Erica's alternate.
5. **Committee Reports**
Medical Control: Kevin Hodges – no report

Regional Council: Dave Lynde
 - ❖ **EMS Legislation Update**
2022 legislation session in Washington State ended March 10, 2022.
 - Ian Corbridge gave presentation on COVID 19 surge impacts
 - Short legislative session. Feb 15 last day to consider bills in originating house. March 4th last day for opposite house.
 - **HB 1893 regarding EMTs and Public Health and Provisional EMS Certification** passed. This was a combination of our DOH requested legislation to amend our law to allow EMS providers to continue administering vaccines, COVID testing, etc. in collaboration with public health without the need for an emergency declaration and language from **SSB 5900 – Provisional EMS Certification** which establishes a provisional certification for EMS providers, prescribes criteria for a provisional certification, and a percentage maximum for the number of providers with provisional certification that an EMS service may have. This bill was signed by the Governor.
 - **SSB 5281 – Cardiac and Stroke Response System** – This bill passed. This bill requires the Department of Health to contract with an independent party to do an assessment of Washington's cardiac and stroke emergency response system, which should include:
 - Identifying gaps in resources, such as training and equipment needs of providers, staff availability, and hospital and system capacity, to specifically include critical access and rural hospitals.
 - Analyzing the current state of quality data collection, its deficiencies, and the feasibility, costs, and requirements to improve data collection.



- The value of registries to monitor and improve cardiac and stroke care outcomes, including beneficial data linkages and interoperability.
 - Analyzing benefits for establishing a state cardiac and stroke care steering committee.
- **HB 1735** – Rolling back many controversial Police Reforms passed last year. This bill has passed and was signed by the Governor.
 - **HB 1703** – 911 system reform. This bill was signed by the Governor

The department must report findings and recommendations to the legislature by October 1, 2023.

❖ **EMS and Trauma Rulemaking**

- **Trauma Rules:** In January 2021, the Department of Health filed a CR-101 with the Office of the Code Reviser to consider amendments to sections of WAC 246-976-580. The goal of this work is to establish clear requirements and criteria for assessing the need for new level I and II trauma facilities in the state. The department encourages your participation and Tony Bledsoe and the trauma team has set up a separate inbox where comments can be submitted in addition to or in lieu of workshop traumadesignation@doh.wa.gov.

Date	Time	Meeting Focus
Wednesday, 3/24/2022	9 am – 11 am	Application Process
Thursday, 4/14/2022	9 am – 11 am	Review Process

As for both EMS and WEMSYS rulemaking as COVID cases continue to decline and our response workload reduces, we will return our focus to completing our rulemaking work. We'll keep you informed of our progress and any additional meeting dates.

- **EMS Rules:** 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.
- **WEMSYS Rules:** 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.

❖ **New Staff Member**

Adam Gallion, he is the newest member of the DOH's EMS team as the EMS Preparedness and Patient Movement Planner.

❖ **Other Steering Business**

- COVID and Legislative Update from Ian Corbridge.



- Pediatric TAC update and data presentation
- Dr Cooper reappointed as Chair

❖ **South Central Region**

- Discussion on County COP's revision to align with the Regional PCP's
- Review of Council Roster to encourage council members to look to fill positions. (Yakima County is full)
- The Cascadia Rising 2022 tabletop exercise will begin June 13, 2022, and last 5 days. Contact Tony Miller for more information antone.miller@co.yakima.wa.us

SunCom: Erica McNamara

The fire districts transferred to lower valley for dispatch services. What that means is that SunComm is still taking the initial 911 calls and getting the location and call type. If the call is specifically fire related, brush or structure fire, we immediately transfer it down to the lower valley to finish off their questioning. We are still maintaining EMD for whole county. Two new people started in February and 1 more is starting soon. With fire transferring we have frozen some of our allocations, so we have 5 vacancies left. The 5 positions should be filled by the end of the year.

Department of EMS: Brian Ireton

- The 2022 Winter EMT Course has 14 students currently and is just wrapping up. Five students have to retake the final exam. Of those 5, one has already retaken the exam and passed. Five students have registered for NREMT.
- EMT IV class starts in May with 7 students.
- OTEP we are finishing up Workshop A this month. Module 2-Respiratory is being rolled out this month. Workshop B starts next month. The instructor training for Workshop B started this week.
- Requesting approval for the following course:
 - ✓ Supraglottic Airway Course date to be determined. We have several providers with different agencies that are finishing up EMT courses from Idaho, which does not teach the Supraglottic Airway endorsement. Dave Lynde made motion to approve the requested course, Ken Eakin seconded. Motion passed.
- Supervisory Organization Application:
 - ✓ EMS Provider Supervisory Organization Application for the Yakima County Department of EMS. This will allow our instructors to maintain certification without working/volunteering for an agency. Dave Lynde made motion to approve the requested application, Ken Eakin seconded. Motion passed.



Yakima Health District: Nathan Johnson

Update on Covid: As we continue to see cases decrease here in Yakima County and throughout the State and Country is helpful. We are scaling back some of our community based vaccines and testing sites. We are still ensuring that there are options out there for the public to get tested or vaccinated. Our website will continue to be updated with sites to be tested or vaccinated. We are preparing, so that if there were to a surge, we would be able to increase any of our sites within a week.

6. Old Business:

A. County Operating Procedures – Dave Lynde

After the last meeting, proposed changes were sent out to the Council members for review and comment.

Attended Fire Chief's meeting and ran changes past them. Most of the discussion was around MCI.

- MCI COP – Removed what was MCI 1 level for 1-4 patients. That will never overwhelm the system. We then renumbered the levels 1, 2 and 3. Some terminology was changed to match what the fire departments use in the upper and lower valley.
- Infection Disease COP – there was some patient care in the COP, and this was removed. Some language cleanup was done.
- COPs must align with the Regional Patient Care Procedures, so the following are proposed to become *County Guidelines*:
 - ✓ Controlled Substances
 - ✓ Documentation of Pre-hospital Care
 - ✓ Provider Orientation & Skills Checklist
 - ✓ Quality Improvement & Assurance Program – standardized program under Dr. Hodges
- Since the COPs must align with the Regional PCPs, the following are proposed for removal:
 - ✓ Definitions
 - ✓ Process for Temporary Workforce – this function is a State level process and under DOH control.

Zita Wiltgen's had the following input. She has reviewed the COPs update and has some grammatical changes, such as under *5.2 Cardiac and Triage Destination c.ii.1*. "If the Level Center(s) are...." The actual level needs to be stated, so it should be, "If the Level **1** Center(s) are....".

Suggested that it be added that the dispatch center will notify the requesting agency if the air ambulance is "staffed and identify whether it is fixed or rotary".

This was discussed as dispatch will call the available air transport agencies and let the incident commander on scene know what the ETA. Zita will send her suggestions to Dave with tracked changes.

When the suggested changes are sent to Dr. Hodges, both the old document and new document will be sent. Unfortunately, since a new format was needed, tracking the changes was not doable. This will ensure that Dr. Hodges knows which COPs are being considered for removal and made into County Operating Guidelines and being eliminated entirely.

Is anyone opposed to sending the changes to Dr. Hodges? Hearing no opposition, Dave will



send the proposed changes to Dr. Hodges.

7. New Business – None

8. Good of the Order –

Dave Lynde reported that the EMS Levy Committee is being formed. He requested any volunteers and asked that everyone take the information regarding the upcoming EMS Levy and opportunity to be on the committee to their respective groups. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the work load for each volunteer.

The Committee meets on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 from 4 pm – 5:30 pm at the Selah Civic Center, 216 S. 1st Street, Selah, WA 98942.

The current levy expires on 12/31/2023, by running it this year in November, we have an extra year in case the levy doesn't pass to run it again. Running the levy this year has the additional benefit of a lower cost, because the November ballot will be full.

This levy will require a super majority, as we are changing to a permanent levy at 25 cents per \$1000, rather than having a 10 year levy.

By August we have to turn in the for and against statements for the ballot to the Elections Office. Before then we need approval from the Yakima County Commissioners and the City of Yakima.

9. NEXT MEETING – June 2, 2022, at 13:30

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

Zoom Information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84666879711?pwd=Wm1WRmxwWG1naUFyL21xSHRETNljZz09>

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10. Adjournment – Dave Lynde a made a motion to adjourn, Ken Eakin seconded. Motion passed.



Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council
Bi-Monthly 2022 Training Report
Months: January 1, 2022 - February 28, 2022

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/19/2022	2021 Makeup Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2)	YCDEMS Classrooms	9	2.0
	2021 Makeup Workshop B (Mod 3 & 4)		10	2.0
	2021 Makeup Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)		19	2.0
1/14/2022	ALS OTEP Quarterly MPD Meeting Part 1	Zoom	29	1.0
	ALS OTEP Quarterly MPD Meeting Part 2		29	1.0
	ALS OTEP Quarterly MPD Meeting Part 3		29	1.0
2/1/2022	Video and Testing for Module 1 online in Ninth Brain and out to all agencies			
TOTALS			125	9.0
AVERAGES			20.83	1.50

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES (MAKEUPS)

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/19/2022	2019 Workshop C	Gleed FD	3	2.0
2/28/2022	2022 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills)	Advanced Life Systems		2.0
TOTALS			3	4.0
AVERAGES			3.00	2.00

2022 WINTER EMT COURSE

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/6/2022	Winter EMT Course - Virtual Class - Question/Answer & Review of Pertinent A & P	Zoom	15	2.0
1/8/2022	Winter EMT Course - Medical Terminology, Anatomy & Physiology, Life Span Development, Pharmacology and Multicultural Awareness and Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.0
1/13/2022	Winter EMT Course - Virtual Class - Vitals & Intro to Patient Assessment Medical. VL Instructor demo & live ESE demo	Zoom	15	2.0
1/15/2022	Winter EMT Course - Patient Assessment Part 1 & 2 and Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.0
1/20/2022	Winter EMT Course - Virtual Class - Supraglottic Airway Lecture (complete YCDEMS iGel Course in NB prior to class)	Zoom	15	2.0
1/22/2022	Winter EMT Course - Airway Management & Respiratory Emergencies and Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.0
1/27/2022	Winter EMT Course - Virtual Class - Stress-Dave Grossman (On Combat), Levels of Stress Reactions, and Combat Stress & Breathing	Zoom	15	2.0
1/29/2022	Winter EMT Course - EMS Systems & Workforce Wellness, Crew Resource Management, Issues & Documentation, Professional Issues & Communications and Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.0

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2022 WINTER EMT COURSE continued

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
2/3/2022	Winter EMT Course - Virtual Class - WA POLST, Q&A - (CTS) Critical Thinking Scenario & Documentation	Zoom	15	2.0
2/5/2022	Winter EMT Course - Cardiovascular Emergencies & Stroke and Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.0
2/10/2022	Winter EMT Course - Virtual Class - Critical Thinking Scenarios & Documentation	Zoom	15	2.0
2/12/2022	Winter EMT Course - Medical Overview & Infectious Disease, Neurologic, Endocrine & Hematologic Emergencies, Toxicology & Psychiatric Emergencies and Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	15	6.0
2/17/2022	Winter EMT Course - Virtual Class - Critical Thinking Scenario & Documentation	Zoom	15	2.0
2/19/2022	Winter EMT Course - Gastrointestinal, Urologic, Immunologic, Gynecologic Emergencies and Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	14	6.0
2/24/2022	Winter EMT Course - Virtual Class - Q&A - (CTS) Critical Thinking Scenario & Documentation	Zoom	14	2.0
2/26/2022	Winter EMT Course - Obstetric, OB Lab, Pediatric Emergencies and Completed Medical Skills Sign Offs	2403 S. 19th St, Union Gap, Classroom	14	6.0
2/28/2022	Winter EMT Course Ride Time Begins	Various	14	
TOTALS			251	64.0
AVERAGES			14.76	4.00

INSTRUCTOR/EVALUATOR COURSES

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
2/16/2022	OTEP Instructor Workshop A - Skills will be checked and credit for workshop received	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	4	2.0
2/19/2022	OTEP Instructor Workshop A - Skills will be checked and credit for workshop received	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	2	2.0
TOTALS			6	4.0
AVERAGES			3.00	2.00

	Students	Hours
OVERALL TOTALS	385	81.0
OVERALL AVERAGES	14.81	3.12