Countywide EMS Levy

Yakima County Emergency Medical Services

YCDEMS
2011

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History

FIRE RESCUE
TOPPENISH VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPT.
RESCUE NO. 101
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AIRBORNE

History

- 1985
  - Demand for EMS in Yakima County is growing
  - System identified as lacking administrative coordination
- 1986, the Yakima County EMS Advisory Committee recommended establishment of an EMS coordinator. Their report cited:

"…delivery of EMS in Yakima County is disorganized and lacks medical and administrative control and support. Without effective coordination, the result could be reductions of quality and levels of care."

History

- 1987, the BOCC established the Pre-Hospital Care Committee.
  - Elected officials, physician, Fire Chiefs, hospital
  - Report published, April 1987
    - Agreed with the Council's recommendation to create an EMS office.
    - It also discussed development of a central dispatch center and 9-1-1 emergency number.
    - Adoption of more restrictive standards and the improvement of system management and control.

History

- 1988
  - Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services (DEMS) was established.
- 1989
  - Recommendation to implement a county-wide emergency medical services levy.

History

- Yakima County EMS in 1989
  - 407 personnel trained as First Responder and higher.
  - 5,427 emergency medical responses
  - 25 EMS agencies submitting 13 separate training programs to DOH.
    - Training plans expired every 3 years.
    - Remaining agency personnel attended out-of-County conferences, or various training opportunities.
  - 3 fire protection agencies had already established local EMS levies.
  - MPD receiving no reimbursement for services.

History

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- 1991-1996
- 1997-2002
- 2003-2013

Changes in EMS

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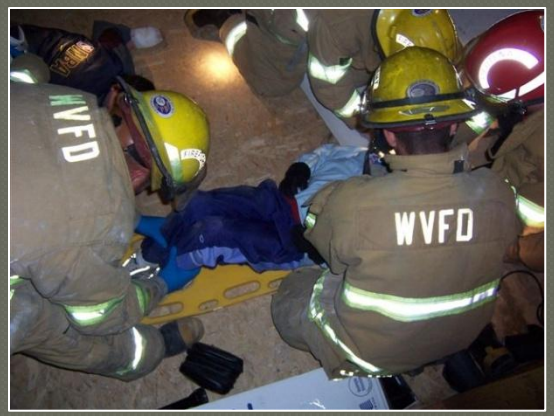
- 1996, proposal for a single county-wide training program.
  - 1997, program was established by DEMS and submitted to DOH.
  - Single standardized training program continues to be renewed and provided by DEMS.



Changes in EMS

- Yakima County EMS Today
  - 587 providers certified as first responder or higher. (30% Growth)
  - 17,282 emergency medical responses (68% Growth)
  - Single county-wide training program.
  - Experienced MPD
    - Multiple candidates
  - Funding source for emergency medical aid and response

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- For the provision of emergency medical care and emergency medical services.
  - Rescue and aid by local fire departments.
  - EMS Office
    - Training (ongoing and initial courses)
    - Recertification & Certification
    - MPD

Purpose

1. To fund the provision of emergency medical care by Yakima County Fire Departments.
   - Supplies
   - Rescue/extrication equipment
   - Communications expenditures
   - Capital equipment (rescue, building)
   - Off-set reimbursement to volunteers, salaries
   - Off-set daily operational expenses

Purpose

2. Funding method for the Department of Emergency Medical Services.
   - Single county-wide training program.
   - MPD services
   - Licensing and certification
   - Quality control & improvement

Funding Distribution

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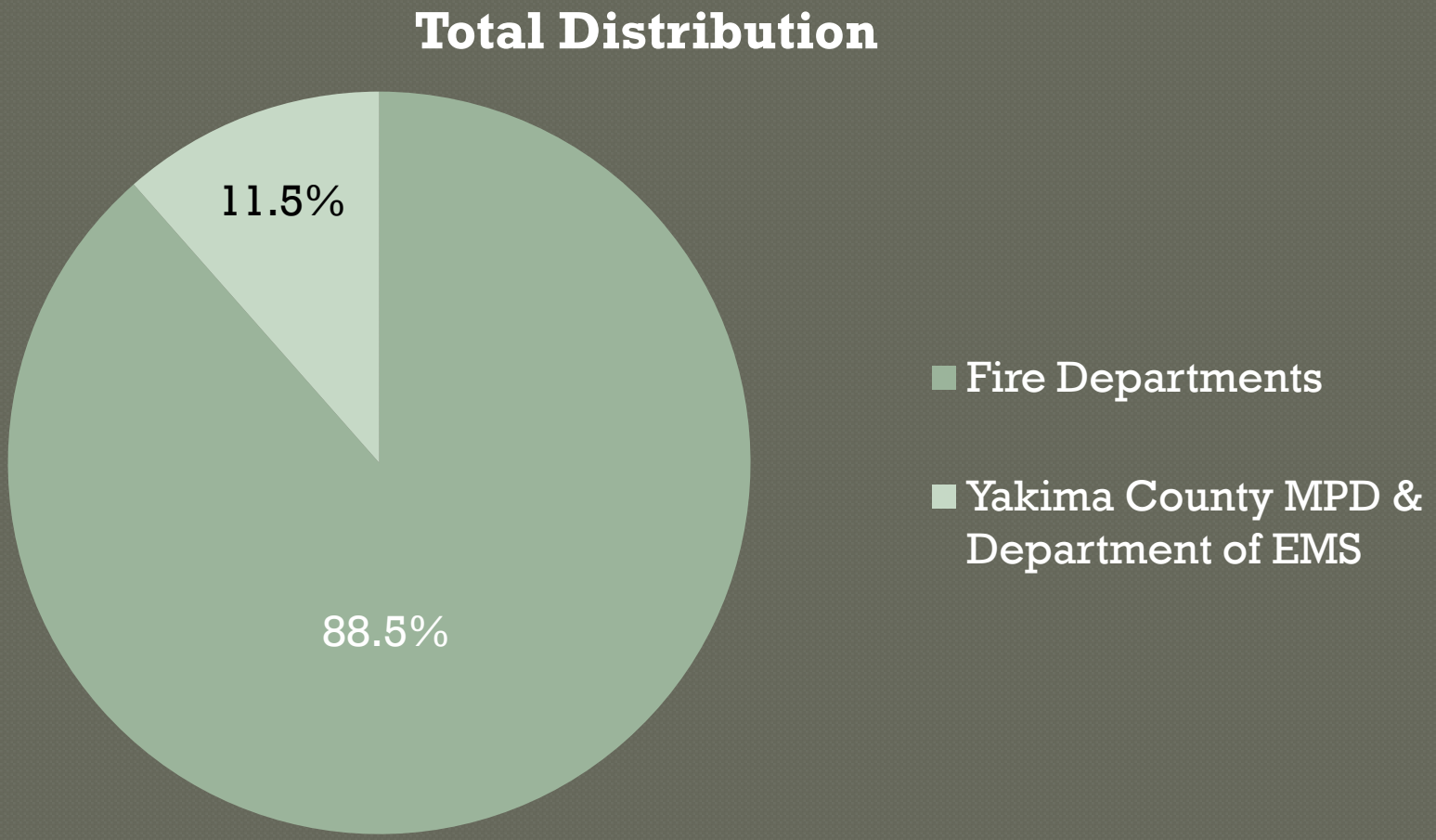
- 1970's
  - King County EMS Division developed an "EMS Funding Formula".
    - Fair and equitable distribution among the fire protection services.
    - With minimal adaptation, this formula could fit Yakima County.

1} Assessed valuation
2} Population
3} Number of annual EMS responses

Funding Distribution



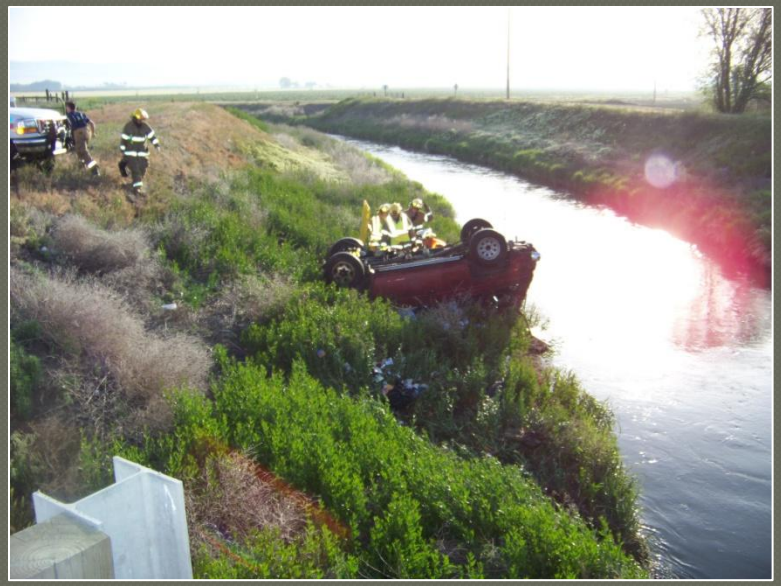
Formula Distribution

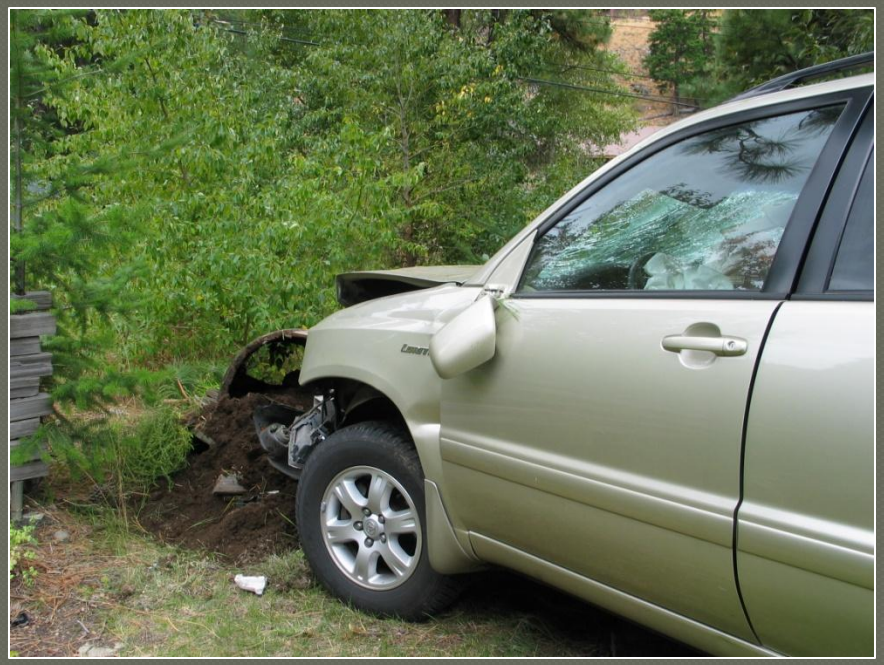
2012 EMS LEVY DISTRIBUTION

Fire Department or District	Assessed Value Jan. 2010	%	Dollar Amount	Total Population 2010	%	Dollar Amount	2010 EMS Runs	%	Dollar Amount	2010 TOTAL BY FORMULA	% OF TOTAL LEVY
Grandview Fire Dept.	432,856,288	2.90%	$ 28,321.27	10,897	4.46%	$ 43,622.58	461	2.64%	$ 25,852.47	$97,796	2.95%
Granger Fire Dept.	84,557,863	0.57%	$ 5,532.52	3,246	1.33%	$ 12,994.30	133	0.76%	$ 7,458.52	$25,985	0.78%
Mabton Fire Dept.	66,915,793	0.45%	$ 4,378.22	2,364	0.97%	$ 9,463.50	63	0.36%	$ 3,532.98	$17,375	0.52%
Selah Fire Dept.	546,387,489	3.66%	$ 35,749.48	7,131	2.92%	$ 28,546.63	406	2.33%	$ 22,768.12	$87,064	2.63%
Sunnyside Fire Dept.	617,601,120	4.13%	$ 40,408.90	15,936	6.53%	$ 63,794.57	1,354	7.77%	$ 75,931.11	$180,135	5.44%
Toppenish Fire Dept.	269,403,956	1.80%	$ 17,626.78	8,966	3.67%	$ 35,892.45	602	3.45%	$ 33,759.62	$87,279	2.63%
Union Gap Fire Dept.	550,326,067	3.68%	$ 36,007.17	6,051	2.48%	$ 24,223.20	780	4.48%	$ 43,741.71	$103,972	3.14%
Wapato Fire Dept.	147,544,224	0.99%	$ 9,653.64	4,996	2.05%	$ 19,999.85	467	2.68%	$ 26,188.94	$55,842	1.69%
Yakima Fire Dept.	5,599,278,437	37.48%	$ 366,354.06	91,285	37.39%	$ 365,429.70	8,561	49.12%	$ 480,093.26	$1,211,877	36.57%
Zillah Fire Dept.	164,768,349	1.10%	$ 10,780.59	2,956	1.21%	$ 11,833.38	145	0.83%	$ 8,131.47	$30,745	0.93%
Fire District #1	302,928,722	2.03%	$ 19,820.26	1,986	0.81%	$ 7,950.30	161	0.92%	$ 9,028.74	$36,799	1.11%
Fire District #2	913,049,829	6.11%	$ 59,739.75	11,126	4.56%	$ 44,539.31	515	2.95%	$ 28,880.74	$133,160	4.02%
Fire District #3	172,400,853	1.15%	$ 11,279.98	2,321	0.95%	$ 9,291.37	148	0.85%	$ 8,299.71	$28,871	0.87%
Fire District #4	1,331,791,492	8.91%	$ 87,137.52	16,246	6.65%	$ 65,035.56	690	3.96%	$ 38,694.59	$190,868	5.76%
Fire District #5	2,086,492,035	13.97%	$ 136,516.67	37,610	15.40%	$ 150,559.36	2,097	12.03%	$ 117,597.89	$404,674	12.21%
Fire District #6	304,483,657	2.04%	$ 19,922.00	3,959	1.62%	$ 15,848.56	213	1.22%	$ 11,944.85	$47,715	1.44%
Fire District #9	120,538,886	0.81%	$ 7,886.71	1,252	0.51%	$ 5,011.97	38	0.22%	$ 2,131.01	$15,030	0.45%
Fire District #11	52,695,402	0.35%	$ 3,447.80	664	0.27%	$ 2,658.11	13	0.07%	$ 729.03	$6,835	0.21%
Fire District #12	1,013,058,602	6.78%	$ 66,283.21	14,155	5.80%	$ 56,664.92	462	2.65%	$ 25,908.55	$148,857	4.49%
Fire District #14	117,415,046	0.79%	$ 7,682.33	524	0.21%	$ 2,097.66	87	0.50%	$ 4,878.88	$14,659	0.44%
Fire District #15 (WP)	44,782,090	0.30%	$ 2,930.04	500	0.20%	$ 2,001.59	34	0.20%	$ 1,906.69	$6,838	0.21%
EMS Office										$381,043	11.50%
Out of District Funding										$0	0.00%
GRAND TOTALS:	14,939,276,200	100.00%	$ 977,458.88	244,171	100.00%	$ 977,458.88	17,430	100.00%	$ 977,458.88	$3,313,420	100.00%

TOTAL LEVY:	$ 3,313,419.94
Out of District Fund	$ -
To Department of EMS:	$ 381,043.29
AMOUNT REMAINING:	$ 2,932,376.65

Frequently Asked Questions





FAQ's

- Why has the fire department historically responded to calls for medical aid?
  - Response time
    - cardiac defibrillator/CPR
    - Location
    - Ambulance levels (0-11)
  - Man-power
    - Patient care tasks
    - Information collecting
    - Lifting/extricating
    - Special rescue

FAQ's

- How is this levy any different than the recent Yakima EMS levy?
  - City of Yakima FD proposed to increase their level of service from basic to advanced (EMT-P).
  - It would have been a new levy, in addition to the already established county-wide EMS levy.

Summary

- The upcoming proposal is at the same rate, and term length.
  - .25 Cents per thousand of Assessed Valuation
  - 10-Year Term
  - Current Distribution Formula
- This levy has existed in Yakima County for 21 years.