

**EMS Administrative Board
May 10, 2017**

1. Open the meeting

2. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted by Les Riel. Norm Childress seconded. Motion carried.

3. Introduction of attendees:

Board Members in Attendance

Norm Childress	Tammy Pettis
Gary Hanna	Les Riel
Dave Lynde	Tom Sevigny
Phil Nelson	Tim Smith

Board Members Absent:

Juan Acosta	Aaron Markham
Rand Elliott	

Department of Emergency Medical Services

Tony Miller, EMS Manager	Diane Koch, Office Specialist
Wendy Moudy, Training Coordinator	

Alternate – Nathan Craig

4. Open Public Input.

None

5. Communication

None

6. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the previous minutes by Les Riel. Seconded Norm Childress. Motion carried.

7. Report from Chair

- Under other business

8. Reports from Committees and/or Agencies

a. YCDEMS

i. Budget – Tony Miller, Director

- Currently in reserves \$305,224
- Revenue for 2017 to date is \$302,309 (\$510,178 is budgeted for the year)
- Expenses for 2017 to date are \$175,923 (\$510,178 is budgeted for the year)

Revenue for the EMT academy is approximately \$9,265 less than budgeted do to only one course being offered for 2017. The Yakima County Fire Chiefs Association decided on only one course after the budget was submitted last year. This should not affect the year end budget, as the loss of revenue will be offset by fewer expenses for instructor hours and supplies.

For the month of April and May the director's salary will be split between DEMS and Emergency Management office, while acting as the interim Emergency Manager.

The Out of District Fund balance is \$34,000. This is higher than 0.5% of the levy set by County Resolution 516-2008. The plan is not to transfer any money from the levy until this fund is again at 0.5% of the total levy.

- ii. EMT Academy – Wendy Moudy, Training Coordinator
The EMT academy finished with 24 students. Eight students have attempted NREMT, of those 6 were successful on their first attempt. Several more students are scheduled to take the NREMT exam this week and next week.
- iii. Using Tablets for OTEP – Tony Miller, Director
Using the tablets for OTEP is going well. So far we have received no negative feedback.
- iv. Protocols – Wendy Moudy, Training Coordinator
The protocols have been sent to the State for review. After the initial State review, a few minor changes were suggested, which are being completed. The State did make one treatment recommendation. Rather than using the single dose 4 mg Narcan nasal spray, the State would prefer 2 mg in each nostril. Due to costs, Dr. Acosta is going to push back on this recommendation.
- v. Medical Program Director – Tony Miller, Director
Dr. Acosta is still the Yakima County Medical Program Director. The MPD is appointed by the State and is considered a State employee. The County pays him a stipend. Dr. Zambito is the candidate.

9. Old Business

- a. Term expirations –
The Yakima County Fire Commissioners reappointed Les Riel as their representative.
- b. Out of area responses – Fire District#3 says they have not annexed White Pass area and are only contracted for fire protection. Discussion on whether Fire District#15 exists and has a contract with Fire District#3 or if Fire District#3 annexed that area. The County website states that Fire District#15 and #3 merged on January 11, 2012. Also, discussed whether a response should be considered out of district when Fire District#3 is responding into Fire District#15.

Maps are to compare the old Fire District#15 boundaries and a map showing the merged areas of Fire District#3 and #15, to help answer the following questions:

Is there no man's land between Fire District#15 and #3?
Is Fire District#3 collecting the EMS levy money that is for Fire District#15 and then stating there is no agreement for EMS?

The line item for out of district for Fire District #3 needs to be removed and rolled into the Fire District#3 line item.

- c. Formula – Dave Lynde reported that our direction is clear.
- As the different groups (Fire Chiefs, Fire Commissioners and Mayors) send us ideas, these will be forwarded to the County Commissioners for consideration.
 - We are still waiting for mayors group to send us a date for a discussion on the EMS levy.
 - Another meeting needs to be set up with the County Commissioners.
 - Would like to have County Commissioner and Mayors Groups meet to discuss levy.

Mayor Norm Childress would like the fire chiefs to come up with plan, as the mayors will need input from the fire chiefs. There is no equity in taxes.

Nathan Craig and Norm Childress will work on a date for meeting with the mayors.

Once the fire chiefs have come to an agreement then the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments should be informed.

Until the individual groups have plans to present this item will not be on agenda.

- d. 911 dispatch fees – The Fire Chief's are sending a letter to SunCom stating they are not in favor of the 911 dispatch fees for the private ambulance services. The Yakima County Fire Commissioners will have Brad Coughenour, SunCom, Bill "Woody" Woodcock, ALS and Dave Lynde, AMR at their May 18th meeting.

10. New Business

a. CARES & CPR

The PulsePoint App was discussed. It works by being integrated into the local emergency call center, so that incident data can be accessed in real time. There are costs associated to become a PulsePoint Agency. These include a one-time \$10,000 fixed implementation fee that covers the cost of interfacing your dispatch center to PulsePoint and professionally announcing the apps to your community. It also includes a program manager to ensure a well planned and executed project. There are recurring costs "annual licensing fees" that are based on population and range from \$8,000 to \$28,000. The app is free for the public to download and works on Androids and iPhones.

Our 2016 cardiac save rate is 58%. We are 25% over national average and 25% increase from where we started. CARES would like to see our bystander CPR be improved. Our bystander CPR is currently at 33%, which is the national average.

Discussion on how to get more people trained in CPR. The CPR Blitz was a large work load, with only a few people doing the work. We tried meeting with school districts and the casino and there was not much interest.

- b. Tim Smith – there have been inappropriate launches of helicopters for minor injuries (twisted ankle), when there has been no available ambulance. The helicopter is not a first response vehicle and has been going to lower valley a lot. After discussion it was felt that Fire District #5 Dispatch needs some education. Tim will discuss this with Ken Shipman.
- c. Nathan Craig – Certification levels and first aid. Departments can have an advanced first aid course. Will work on developing a course with the EMS office. The fire department (RCW 52) develop a policy under what their people could do. Dave Lynde reported that the RAC-TAC is making guidance documents recommending what training should be done.

Discussion on different ideas how to get volunteers and what training will be available.

11. For the Good of the Order - none

12. Next Meeting is, August 9, 2017, 9 am at the EMS Office.

13. Motion to adjourn by Gary Hanna. Seconded Les Riel. Motion carried.