

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



FEBRUARY 2021 MINUTES



YAKIMA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
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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 (changed to Open from YVCOG)	Open												
Medical Control	Kevin Hodges MPD	Designee												
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD	Kay Funk, City of Yakima	X	X										
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Bill Harris, Sunnyside FD	Open	X											
Yakima County 9-1-1	Brad Coughenour, SunCom 911	Stacey Garcia, SunCom 911		X										
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Brian Ireton, EMS Ops Manager	X	X										
	Diane Koch, Secretary	None	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										
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, YVMH	Open	X											
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Dave Lynde, AMR	Treena Russell, ALS	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											
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Katrina Peck, Trauma Program Coordinator, Astria Toppenish Hospital	Open Astria Sunnyside Hospital	X											
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA, Chair	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												
Yakima Health District – Emergency Response Coordinator	Nathan Johnson	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 14 present. Ten representatives and four alternates. One alternate was voting at this meeting.

2. **Guests:** None

3. **Approval and correction of minutes.**

Dave Lynde moved to approve the minutes from December 3, 2020, as sent. Tony Miller seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Correspondence**

None.

5. **Committee Reports**

Medical Control: Kevin Hodges

A. Tony Miller reported for Dr. Hodges that the protocols are being reviewed starting February 11th. All 4 counties are participating, Benton, Franklin, Adams, and Yakima.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

A. County Council Plan Work:

- Training Grant Process for distribution of funds is being evaluated. The EMS providers in Yakima County are being verified by DEMS and forwarded to the region.
- FY-20/21 Training Grant: The Governor did not include any reductions for EMS and Trauma, nor Poison Center. The House and Senate still have to develop a budget, but not until April. For the time being, there are no proposed budget cuts.

B. Legislative 2021:

- HB1276 – Allowing EMTs to work in diversion centers and it is also called Substituent Senate Bill 5074. A safe station pilot program that fire departments can opt into that has to do with chemical dependency.

C. EMS Rule making is winding down. Our stake hold is nearly finished, likely in February. There is still a lot of work to do, as there is “cross-pollination” that needs to happen. Then the document will be published and go into a CR102 phase, which is open public comment before being adopted. Meeting announcements can be found on this page:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/RulesDevelopment>

D. **WEMSIS** rule making is currently happening. It is very important that anyone who reports to WEMSIS try to make next public meeting on February 16th.

- ✓ They will be specifically addressing EMS service responsibilities and the specific data elements that will have to be reported.
- ✓ There are several agencies in Yakima County that are not even reporting to WEMSIS yet.
- ✓ Reporting to WEMSIS is a State law.
- ✓ If you are having difficulties, or not reporting, you are encouraged to participate so that barriers are not put in place that your agency cannot overcome.



- ✓ We know we have a lot of volunteer agencies, that cannot commit to time frames that the State will want, so it is highly recommended that agencies participate in this process. To sign up for future public meeting announcements: Web conferencing and other meeting information is in the meeting announcement alerts sent through GovDelivery. You may sign up to receive alerts by selecting the link below:

[Receive alerts for future public meeting announcements](#) for EMS rule making [Chapter 246.976 WAC](#).

- E. Min/Max Project for Hospitals had the final meeting on November 24th and filed for CR101, in anticipation for rule making.
 - There was a lot of frustration with the report from the participants. The participants did not agree with what was in the report. They did not believe it accurately reflected the conversations that were had.
 - Concerns that with a new Secretary starting, this person would come onboard with different perspectives due to what the DOH work force put together and what the Work Group's intent were. The discussion was pointed during the Steering Committee meeting.
- F. FY 21-23 Regional System Plan development still being worked on. There is a draft that members are reviewing.

SunCom 911 – Stacey Garcia

EMD Class two weeks ago but received information that King County EMD was not going to be supported any longer. But it sounds like it was not supported on the current platform to be virtual. The classes will be relaunched on a different virtual platform.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller & Brian Ireton

- A. OTEP 2021 started this week.
- B. EMT Course – Brian Ireton – going well 18 students currently. Started with 19 one dropped at beginning of class. All of the students are doing well, except for 2. We are working with these students; one is unlikely to continue past mid-terms at this point. Discussions will be held with the students and training officers. We are having good results and feedback with this reversed classroom platform that we launched.
- C. As mentioned earlier, protocols are being reviewed. The committee is open to anyone who wishes to participate. We do have several people from Yakima County that wish to participate.

6. Health District - Nathan Johnson

COVID Vaccines Update, as of Tuesday, February 2nd

- ✓ 14,505 first doses have been received
- ✓ 13,067 first doses have been administered
- ✓ 4,950 of second doses have been received
- ✓ 2,832 second doses have been administered

Caveat on the doses, particularly Pfizer – if the Johnson and Johnson vanish point needle is used, providers have been able to pull an additional dose out of the vial. There has been a big push on the federal level to get more of these syringes out. There have also been additional full doses found in the Moderna vials. The



numbers we are reporting for doses received only covers the number of doses each vial is ear marked for.

COVID Vaccine Distribution:

- We are leaning heavily on our Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and hospital systems.
- They have built internal systems to support distribution, not only scheduling during regular clinical hours, but starting to do community events if they have vaccine available to support this.

There has been a lot of concern on why Yakima County was not selected to receive funding for a Mass Vaccination Site. While we may not have a funded and supported State site, we definitely have systems in place locally.

- A site has been built out at the SunDome at least 500 doses a day funded through the health district. It will run similar to the test site that is already in place at the SunDome.
- Currently our primary goal is to get vaccines into our health care partners hands first and then be able to support that site as a supplement afterwards.
- Right now, our biggest struggle is getting vaccine into county.
 - ❖ Each week the State finds out how much they will get from the federal level and then has to break that up into all of the counties in the State.
 - ❖ Organizations do not find out how much vaccine they will receive until the weekend before, which makes scheduling difficult for planning and staffing.

Phase: 1A Healthcare workers
 1B-Tier 1 65 and older or 50 older in multigenerational household

- A live list is kept on the Health District website, on who has the vaccine available. The fact is we do not have enough vaccine to support all who need it.
- A report has been submitted to the Governor’s Office illustrating the systems we have built with our FQHCs, hospitals and the SunDome site. Illustrating that we have the systems in place to push the doses and that we just need the doses. Really pushing the fact that we need doses focused on those systems we have in place.

A lot of outreach is being done in the community:

- Weekly Town Hall from for the Health District on Facebook 6 – 7 pm on Tuesday
- We are on Selah’s Downtown Association’s Town Hall every other Monday
- Commissioners Town Hall every Tuesday during the lunch hour
- Willing to talk to large groups – Nathan.johnson@co.yakima.wa.us

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

A. AEMT course, need authorization for course. This course is not supported by EMS levy. Online only, with in person skill days. Agencies would have to pay for students. Course would start at the end of June. We would like to keep the course small.

Number of student spots available? If it is 10 students or less, would cost \$500 more per student. The maximum number of students is 15.

Ken Eakin motioned to approve the course, second by Joel Byam. Motion passed.



9. Good of the Order

A. Bill Harris will an IV course be available?

We are planning on running an IV course sometime this summer. More information will be available at the next meeting.

10. Motion made to adjourn by Ken Eakin, Tim Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved. Next meeting will be available as **either in-person or Zoom meeting**

April 1, 2021 at 1:30 pm

**In Person Location: Yakima County Resource Building, Classroom B,
 Union Gap, WA 98903**

Zoom Information:

Topic: Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council Meeting

Time: Apr 1, 2021 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94973501300?pwd=aJJUaVlFUElNejZ5dDJQRXR0eHFUUT09>

Meeting ID: 949 7350 1300

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Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council
Bi-Monthly 2021 Training Report
Months: January 1, 2021 - February 28, 2021

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
2/1/2021	Video and Testing for Modules 1 & 2 on-line and out to all agencies			

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES (MAKEUPS)

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/13/2021	2020 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2) Makeups	East Valley FD	3	2
1/23/2021	2020 Skills Workshop C (Mod 1&2) Makeups	Naches FD	2	2
1/23/2021	2020 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4) Makeups	Naches FD	2	2
1/23/2021	2020 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2) Makeups	Naches FD	2	2
2/12/2021	2020 Skill Workshop B (Mod 3&4) Makeups	Yakima Training Center FD	4	2
2/12/2021	2020 Skills Workshop C (Mod 1&2) Makeups	Yakima Training Center FD	4	2
2/26/2021	2020 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2) Makeups	Yakima Training Center FD	4	2
TOTALS			21	14.0
AVERAGES			3.00	2.00

2021 EMT ACADEMY

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
1/4/2021	Winter EMT Academy - CPR, Medical terminology	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	2
1/7/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Anatomy and Physiology, Life span development	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	2
1/9/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	6.5
1/11/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Patient Assessment part 1	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	2
1/14/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Patient Assessment part 2	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	2
1/16/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	6.5
1/18/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Airway Management	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	2
1/21/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Respiratory Emergencies	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	2
1/23/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	6.5
1/25/2021	Winter EMT Academy - EMS Systems and Workforce Management	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	2
1/28/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Crew Resource Management (CRM), Issues and Documentation	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	2
1/30/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	6.5
2/1/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Cardiovascular and Stroke	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	18	2
2/4/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Medical overview, Infectious disease, Neuro, Endocrine, Hematologic	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/6/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	6.5
2/8/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Toxicology, Psychiatric, Gastrointestinal	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/11/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Obstetrics	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/13/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Mid-Term Practicals	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	6.5
2/15/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Peds, Geriatrics, Special challenges	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2

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2021 EMT ACADEMY continued

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
2/16/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Open classroom for midterm review	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/18/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Written Midterm & Washington State Infectious Disease Prevention for EMS Providers	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/20/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	6.5
2/22/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Trauma Overview	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/25/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Face, Neck, Head and Spine injuries	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	2
2/27/2021	Winter EMT Academy - Skills	2403 S. 18th St, Union Gap, Classroom	17	6.5
TOTALS			438	86.0
AVERAGES			17.52	3.44

INSTRUCTOR/EVALUATOR COURSES

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
2/23/2021	2021 OTEP Instructor/Evaluator Review	YCDEMS	3	2
2/24/2021	2021 OTEP Instructor/Evaluator Review	YCDEMS	1	1
2/25/2021	2021 OTEP Instructor/Evaluator Review	YCDEMS	1	1
TOTALS			5	4.0
AVERAGES			1.67	1.33

	Students	Hours
OVERALL TOTALS	464	104.0
OVERALL AVERAGES	13.26	2.97