

# **Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council**



## **AUGUST 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		X		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				
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston	Open	X						X					
Yakima County 9-1-1	Wayne Wantland, SunCom 911	Stacey Garcia, SunCom 911		X	X					X				
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Brian Ireton, EMS Ops Manager	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, Glead 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	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							
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA, Chair	Ken Anderson, SSFD	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				
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.



Please note that the following corrections were made to the minutes prior to this meeting and after the draft of the minutes were sent on August 31, 2021:

1. Jim Johnston is representing the Training Officers Association and he has been added to the list of representatives.
2. Ken Frazier attended meeting and was not checked off.
3. The numbers were not filled in for the roll call.

**1. Roll call** with 12 members present. Eight representatives and 4 alternates. One alternate was voting at this meeting.

**2. Guests:** Vanessa Hopwood, Nile, and Kate Knudson from Airlift Northwest.

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

Tammy Pettis made a motion to approve the minutes from June, seconded by Dave Lynde. Motion passed.

**4. Correspondence** – None

**5. Council Reports**

**Medical Control: Kevin Hodges**

Guidelines for new house bills. Sent out some guidance, will send out more as it comes.

**Regional Council: Dave Lynde**

- ❖ A report on opioids has shown an increasing trend since the first of the year.
- ❖ WEMSIS Rulemaking  
Draft should be complete and available online for partners by the end of the month before it goes to the CR102 phase (public comment).
- ❖ The Health Information Exchange (HIE) Roadmap Workgroup  
They are not done yet and will lose funding for the project. The project is not dead, and work is still being done to complete the road map. The goal is to leverage the expertise of participants. The group is hoping to have a document by September.

Ideally EMS providers will report to a hub, such as WEMSIS, and then the information would be shared with the hospitals. Currently the information exchange is all flowing one to the hospital and not back and forth. This does not really improve patient care in the field. It would improve patient care in the field if the providers had access to information such as: Patient was recently hospitalized for a certain illness/injury and what treatment they received.

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/HealthcareProfessionsandFacilities/PublicHealthMeaningfulUse/HealthInformationExchange>

- ❖ Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Workgroup  
Discussion on performance measures for review and revision. The performance measurers are drafted. The CODE revisor format is close to completion. These will be posted for review. Take a look at the updated WACs since it going to CR102 phase.



- ❖ Emergency Supervising Organization (ESSO) implementation plan drafted and will be shared for comment.
- ❖ Official code revisor format for the EMS Rules (WAC) should be done.
- ❖ HB 1310 – Emerging changes for law enforcement response maybe effecting EMS.
- ❖ Pediatric TAC report – focused on providing outcomes for performance measures. EMS for Children has offered an additional fifth year of funding March 2023.
- ❖ ECS TAC providing performance measures to outcome TAC. September presentation to the Steering Committee.
- ❖ RAC TAC – Regional plans recommended for approval.
- ❖ Medical Program Director report – virtual training course July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> conducted.
- ❖ EMS Education & Training is working on curriculum updates.
- ❖ Rural EMS – There are eleven committed agencies that have been meeting monthly for the last year, with subject matter experts.
- ❖ Vancouver Healthcare Equity Report – In the fall of 2019 the City of Vancouver, Vancouver Fire Department and American Medical Response Clark County, initiated a long-term process to better understand the equity within their emergency medical services and take actions to reduce identified inequities. Use the following link to read/obtain the report:  
[https://www.cityofvancouver.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/fire\\_vfd/page/44091/vancouver\\_ems\\_equity\\_report.pdf](https://www.cityofvancouver.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/fire_vfd/page/44091/vancouver_ems_equity_report.pdf)
- ❖ Injury Prevention is working on programs and a tool kit to reduce the number of falls related to 911 calls and ER visits. Finding our Balance: Preventing Slips, Trips & Stumbles. Hopefully a tool kit will be out soon that we can distribute on our website. The third week of September is Fall Prevention Week.  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/InjuryandViolencePrevention/OlderAdultFalls/FindingOurBalance>
- ❖ POLST form – revisions and updates. Copies and digital copies are acceptable. The new form is 2 pages. Page 1 is for EMS and Page 2 is for the hospital.  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/PhysiciansOrdersforLifeSustainingTreatment>
- ❖ The Strategic Plan has some minor changes.
- ❖ Discussion on the EMS waivers due to COVID-19 – what to keep and what to remove and the lessons learned through the process.



### **SunComm: Stacey Garcia**

Stacey report that Wayne Wantland, Interim Director will run out of hours mid-August. He has been requested to complete a rough draft budget. The budget will include Pro QA, so we would be going away from King County dispatch criteria. This will be at the discretion of the new director.

The new director for SunComm has been selected, but no details have been released yet.

### **Department of EMS: Tony Miller**

- OTEP is going well. Modules 5 and 6 and Workshop C will be starting in September.

Alex Langbell will be here in September to film for 2022 OTEP. (Alex recently retired and moved to Montana).

### **Yakima Health District: Nathan Johnson**

No report.

## **6. Old Business:**

### **A. COPS #12 – Treena Russell Update**

One minor error was noted, under "Purpose". A. and C. essentially said the same thing. A motion was made to approve the updated COP including removing "C" under the "Purpose" by Treena Russell, seconded by Ken Frazier. Motion approved.

## **7. New Business:**

### **a. Application for reappointment to the Regional Council, Hospital Representative (motion and vote for approval requested) – Tammy Pettis**

Dave Lynde motioned to approve reappointment for Tammy Pettis as the Hospital Representative, Tony Miller seconded. Motion approved.

Dave Lynde requested that the same be done for Dennis Blumer, as he too was expiring.

Tony Miller made a motion to reappointment Dennis Blumer as the EMS Provider Representative, seconded by Dave Lynde. Motion approved.

### **b. Washington DOH Rural EMS EMT Course (motion and vote for approval requested) – Tony Miller**

The State of Washington has been working on getting more EMTs in the rural outlying areas of the State. The challenges faced have been only having one or two people and those individuals living in remote areas, such as in Okanogan County, Jefferson County or on Vashon Island. The State would like to do a pilot program and they came to Yakima County DEMS, because of our recent success with our EMT program. The program will be mainly online and then each department will have their own local EMS evaluators to work on the skills piece with the student(s).

Tony Miller, Brian Ireton and the SEI (if the SEI is not Brian) – will go out to 3 different locations within the State to complete the final practicals. The State has given grant money to each of these departments (there are 8 different departments participating) to cover the cost. We will be billing each department for the costs we incur. The State has stated that they will reimburse our department for any additional costs not covered. The program will start in September and run through December, so it will not interfere with our EMT program.



Dr. Hodges is aware of the program and there will be a mutual understanding between MPDs for the program. The students will have to enroll through the State.  
Dave Lynde made a motion to approve the program, seconded by Tammy Pettis. Motion approved.

- c. 2021 EMS Evaluator Courses 3 Refreshers and 1 Initial (motion and vote for approval requested) – Tony Miller  
Dave Lynde made a motion to approve the courses, seconded by Ken Frazier. Motion approved.
- d. 2022 Winter EMT Course (motion and vote for approval requested) – Tony Miller  
Dave Lynde made a motion to approve the 2022 Winter EMT Course, seconded by Jim Lange. Motion approved.
- e. State Agency License Application for Yakima County Department of EMS – Tony Miller  
We would like to do a pilot program for welfare checks and some pro-active responses throughout the county. We would have quick response vehicle that will have an EMT and a designated crisis responder (DCR) (Comprehensive Mental Health provider). The easiest way to do this is to run it through the EMS Office, and in order to do this we have to be licensed as "Aid Agency".

The second benefit would be that in order to be an instructor/evaluator for EMS in the State of Washington, you have to be certified. In order to be certified you have to have an EMS agency. We have instructors that work for us, that are no longer with an agency. For example, we currently have Gary Conn and Tammy Pettis under our agency and maintaining their certification. These are very valuable instructors whom we do not want to lose.

We have supplied the 2 county vehicles driven by Tony and Brian with equipment to respond. If we get something really big, or the system gets busy, we will be able to respond and assist. The current plan is to be available to respond to welfare checks and other calls, as needed from noon to midnight. Since we will not be trauma verified, we do not have to respond 24/7. If the pilot program works, then we will look at placing more vehicles around the county. The DCRs will be available 24/7 when we are not responding.

These vehicles will be mobile, including having a radio, to be more proactive, including carrying water. They will be meeting with people on the street.

Stacey reported that SunComm, under the discretion of Dr. Hodges, will be modifying the behavioral card for sending specific resources to calls meeting the criteria specified.

Discussion followed on what is currently available under the newly implemented law and what other areas are doing. The current plan is to continue to have DCRs pared with law enforcement, and this will be an additional resource. This is a work in progress, and no one is sure how this will all work out.

Discussion on funding sources.



- f. Kay Funk, City of Yakima – draft plan for the American Rescue Plan to double the number of designated crisis responders. This money can be used for public safety. City would like to use some of this funding to go towards doubling the number of DCRs, to be contracted out to Comprehensive Mental Health. Further discussion followed.

**8. Good of the Order**

Dave Lynde we need to get our County Operating Procedures (COPS) updated. We need a clear procedures and roles. This would enable us to have BLS units responding to incidents, rather than always having ALS units. We need to use our resources wisely.

The Patient Care Procedures (PCPs) have changed how they are numbered and laid out. Our COPS need to match the order and language of the PCPs.

The committee will consist of:

- Dave Lynde
- Tony Miller
- Treana Russell
- AMR, ALS, SSFD and WSA representatives needed
- BLS agencies one upper and one lower preferred.
- Communications we need Dispatch SunCom & Lower Valley
- Air Transport Service
- Hospital Representatives

Ken Frazier and Jim Johnston will take this to the Training Officers group August 10<sup>th</sup> and pull representatives from this group. If needed, we can add Fire Chiefs Association.

**9. NEXT MEETING – October 7, 2021, 13:30**

**In Person Location: 2403 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Classroom B, Union Gap, WA**

**Zoom Information:**

Topic: Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council  
 Time: Oct 7, 2021, 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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**10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn Dave Lynde by, seconded by Jim Lange. Motion approved.**



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**Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council**  
**Bi-Monthly 2021 Training Report**  
**Months: May 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021**

**OTEP CLASSES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Hours</b>
5/3/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#1 White Swan	3	2
5/4/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	West Valley FD, St #51 - Day Drill	7	2
5/5/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Selah FD, St #21&22 @ 21	16	2
5/5/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Selah FD, St #24&26 @ 24	10	2
5/6/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#15 @ Mabton	12	2
5/6/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#3 & St#4 @ Harrah	7	2
5/6/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Yakima Training Center	11	2
5/11/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#10 @ Zillah	11	2
5/12/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	West Valley FD, St #51 & 53 <b>DRILL AT ST#51</b> (agency request)	16	2
5/12/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	West Valley FD, St #52 & 54 <b>DRILL AT ST#51</b> (agency request)	17	2
5/13/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Yakima Training Center	10	2
5/13/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#9 @ Toppenish	14	2
5/18/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills) & IV Supplies to Check off Brown & Jensen	KCFD#2 @ Bickleton	7	2
5/18/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	Nile FD	3	2
5/19/21 Wed	2021 ILS Workshop B	GCFD#8 @ Mattawa	6	1
	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills)		11	2
5/19/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#14 @ Grandview	16	2
5/20/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#6 @ Wapato	7	2
5/24/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#5 & St#7 @ Sawyer	10	2
5/25/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#11, St#12 & St#16 @ Outlook	9	2
5/25/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills)	Naches FD	14	2
5/26/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)	FD #5, St#13 @ Sunnyside	21	2
5/26/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	West Valley FD, St #52 - <b>MOVED TO 5/12 PER AGENCY REQUEST</b>		
5/26/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	West Valley FD, St #54 - <b>MOVED TO 5/12 PER AGENCY REQUEST</b>		
6/9/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills)	Gleed FD	10	2
6/9/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills)	Naches Hts FD	12	2
6/14/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	East Valley FD	5	2
6/14/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 91	15	2
6/14/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 94	10	2
6/15/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills)	Highland FD @ Cowiche	9	2
6/15/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	East Valley FD	23	2
6/16/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 91	9	2
6/16/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 94	10	2
6/17/2021	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4)	East Valley FD	4	2
6/18/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 91	14	2
6/18/2021	2021 Workshop B (Mod 3&4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St# 94	6	2
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>365</b>	<b>67.00</b>
<b>AVERAGES</b>			<b>10.74</b>	<b>1.97</b>





**OTEP MAKEUPS CLASSES**

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
6/5/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2)	FD #5, St#7 @ Sawyer	11	2
	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)		14	2
6/22/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2)	Yakima Training Center FD	4	2
	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)		1	2
6/25/2021	2021 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2)	Yakima Training Center FD	3	2
	2021 Skills Workshop B (Mod3&4)		0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>33</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>AVERAGES</b>			<b>5.50</b>	<b>1.67</b>

**SPECIAL COURSES/CLASSES/MEETINGS**

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
6/15/2021	2020 iGel Skills Sign Off	Highland FD @ Cowiche	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>AVERAGES</b>			<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>

	Students	Hours
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>78.00</b>
<b>OVERALL AVERAGES</b>	<b>9.73</b>	<b>1.90</b>