Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council

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YAKIMA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
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Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council
Attendance Record for January– December 2025

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											
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD	Open	X											
Law Enforcement	Jim Moore, YPD	Open	X											
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, WVFD	Open												
Yakima County 9-1-1	Erica McNamara, Director, SunCom 911	Angela Brown, SunCom 911		X										
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Jeremy Rodriguez, EMS Ops Manager	X	X										
	Diane Koch, *Secretary*	Chase Tucker, EMS Program Representative	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, Past-Chair*	Jim Lange, Selah FD	X											
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	*Sarah Downen, MultiCare Memorial, Chair*	Tiffany Hanshew, MultiCare Memorial	X											
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	*Dave Lynde, AMR Chair-Elect (2026 Chair)*	Treena Russell, ALS	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	Joel Byam, FD #5	Cameron Haubrich, SSFD	X											
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Jody Shively, Astria Sunnyside Hospital	Joel Cardenas, Astria Sunnyside Hospital		X										
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA	Cameron Haubrich, SSFD	X											

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Agency/Department	Representative	Feb	April	June	Aug	Oct	Dec
South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council	April Borbon	X					
Yakima Health District – Emergency Response Coordinator	Andy Wilson						

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.

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1. **Roll call** with 14 members present, 9 representatives, 5 alternates and 1 ex-officio member. Two alternates were 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/her alternate would be the voting member).

2. **Guests**: Dede Utley, MultiCare Memorial, Chloe Gordon, DEMS, and Chris Youngberg, AMR

3. **Approval and correction of minutes**.
   Wayne Guckert made a motion was made to approve the minutes from December 5, 2024, and Ken Eakin seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Correspondence –** A membership application for the reappoint of Dennis Blumer to the South Central Region has been received.
   Dave Lyne made a motion to approve the reappointment, seconded by Ken Eakin. Motion passed.
   Joel Byam asked who Dennis Blumer was representing. Per the application it is Grandview FD.

5. **Committee Reports**
   Medical Control: Kevin Hodges
   Dr. Hodges reported we have the final protocol approval from the Department of Health. Once the new quiz is written, there will be 90 days to complete the quiz. Thank you to Jeremy for helping with writing the quizzes.
   Two major projects on the horizon:
   - Prehospital Suboxone, for opioid use disorder. Getting people on it early and using prehospital resources to help people get on it to help prevent overdoses and deaths from overdoses.
   - Prehospital blood in Yakima County. There are 187 programs in the United States that are using prehospital blood, that are not flight programs. It is saving a lot of lives.

   Regional Council: Dave Lynde
   Steering Committee
   - Annual Chair and Vice Chair Election Process: Annual elections for the Chair and Vice Chair positions on the Steering Committee will be held at the March meeting.

   - Steering Committee Meeting Dates for 2025: January 15, March 19, May 21, July TBD, September 17, November 19

   DOH and Legislative Update
   - Bob Ferguson is the new governor; he begins his term today. Dr Shaw has stepped down as the Secretary of the DOH; Jessica Todorovich will take over as the acting Secretary of the DOH until someone is appointed to this position.

   - The DOH office is fully staffed, and they have two new employees—Andrea Pedler and Amy Jameson Carpenter.

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- The legislative session is long this year and will run from January 13 to April 27. The Inslee budget did not include the funding request by the DOH so they will see if their request is included in Governor Ferguson's budget. The DOH's funding request included money for the trauma registry and to support the emergency care system.

- HB1187 Protecting patients involved in MVA from delayed ambulance bills.

- The office's priorities for 2025 are:
  - leadership transition
  - trauma services assessment
  - trauma registry solutions
  - transition to HELMS licensing system
  - trauma care fund spending plans for 2025-2027 and 2027-2029
  - assess trauma site review fees, and
  - review funding allocation to EMS and Trauma Care regions. They will also look at other sources for funding for the trauma registry.

  Other work on their priority list includes:
  - Regional EMS planning cycle
  - WISPP EMS landscape study
  - OIC ground ambulance treat no transport study
  - Rural FLEX grant
  - improve access to MOUD, and
  - rulemaking.

  The last time EMS region funding was assessed was in 2012 so this will be a priority. The office will be reviewing their strategic plan.

Trauma Registry Update:

- 90% of hospitals have input their backlogged data, records for hospitals that haven't done this were sent to the regions.

Statewide Trauma Services Assessment Update:

- A draft of the trauma services assessment is posted on the DOH website. They will be updating this draft as work is completed. This is an ongoing project.

Trauma Care Fund Update/Spending Plan 2025-2027 Vision Statement:

- The Cost TAC met to review and revise their spending plan guiding principles which they presented (and was approved)

Hospital TAC Annual Report:

- Trauma Services Assessment Data and Preliminary Results: Isaan Madhi gave a presentation on the data they are reviewing as part of the trauma service assessment. Topics include:
  - population and injury,
  - access to trauma services,
  - time to care,
  - outcomes, and

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- cost of care forecasting.

➢ Their key findings include:
- the population in the state is growing and trauma incidents are increasing more than the population even though trauma services haven't increased much over the last decade.
- 97% of the population can reach trauma services within an hour.
- This assessment will be used to assess gaps in trauma services. It was pointed out that the data used in this assessment was from 2019 so that is a problem.

➢ Regional EMS and Trauma Care Planning Cycle underway. Recruitment for Steering Committee members to review plans.

RAC TAC

➢ HELMS system: The new online licensing system HELMS going live next. Encourage people to renew early as the entire licensing system will be down February 14-19 while they transition to the new system. There will be three webinars before the new system begins and one will be held after the new systems goes live.
➢ RAC strategic plan: They reviewed the RAC strategic plan; many items have been completed. The PCPs strategy is only at 50% because not all regions have completed their PCPs updates.
➢ PCPs: Discussion on PCP review and timelines.
➢ Injury & Violence Prevention IVP data and planning: Marla Emde gave a presentation on the state's IVP TAC. Two of their programs are free grab bars and free nightlights which are part of their senior falls prevention program. They have a lot of resources for falls prevention through their 'Finding Our Balance' program
➢ Opioid grant: Jill gave an update on the opioid grant program. She is working with the regions to get the grant contracts in place. She discussed the payment structure of the grant; this is a reimbursement type of grant. They have a new website for their opioid reduction program at https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-provider-resources/emergency-medical-services-ems-systems/ems-overdose-response-and-prevention-support

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➢ PCPs: The group reviewed the PCPs which had been reviewed by the DOH; there were only a few items the DOH wanted clarification on. Updates were made as each of these items was discussed. Ultimately approved for submission. The Region will need to work on Trauma Triage (completed) and behavioral health.
The PCPs (Patient Care Procedures) have been submitted to the state and are awaiting approval.
We will need to look at the new PCP for Trauma Triage Tool.
Sent updates to the State, for Air Medical.

➢ Regional Trauma Plan: Group discussed the final draft of plan. Several changes were recommended. The document will be updated at a special meeting on February 20th to approve the updates prior to submitting them to the state.

Dr. Hodges wanted to give Dave Lynde kudos for keeping us all on track with State EMS

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SunComm: Erica McNamara

- As of next week, we should be fully staffed.

- We have 4 applicants on the waiting list, 2 of which are bi-lateral.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller/Jeremy Rodriguez
Tony Miller
New Full Time Employee
Chase Tucker, he will be teaching, updating technology and data collection.

Opioid Issue
We are number 2 in the state for opioid overdoses.

OTEP
OTEPs are going well. Module 1 started this month. We are changing MCI from START to SALT.

Jeremy Rodriguez reported:

- **Fall EMT Course**
  17 passed on first try. 1 did not pass but is signed up to retake.
  The last student has not taken it for the first time. Has had some issues that have made life difficult.

- **Winter EMT Course**
  We had 21 students and had 1 student drop due to starting a new job.
  Of the 20 students remaining. This seems to be a strong class so far. We have made changes to Thursday nights and Saturdays, and it seems to be working out well.

- **OTEP**
  Module 1 and the workshop skills sheet has been sent to the printers.
  Module 2 Cardiology & Toxicology has been filmed and been sent for editing. We are in progress of writing the student text, with the goal to have Module 2 completed by mid-March.
  Module 3 is in the works, and we should be filming in March.

- **Grandview PD**
  The Grandview PD has been working with OEM and asked for a Stop the Bleed class. We used our new tourniquet trainers, sucking chest wound during the training.
  The class went so well that we were asked to come back and do a class for the Grandview school district and fire department. The class has doubled in size.
  We are hoping more police departments will participate.

- **CQI**
  Our plan was out of date. Dr. Hodges is the overall umbrella. If that does not work, then it would be the local council. A report from the CQI chair would be twice a year. Only reporting on trends, not individual calls.

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Yakima Health District: Andy Wilson - None

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business

HELMS – New State Certification Process – there was a meeting on January 30th, but the State did not plan for enough slots available for everyone who wanted to attend the Zoom meeting. The next available meeting that the EMS staff can attend is February 13th.

8. Good of the Order:

April Bourbon reported that the South Central Region QI Committee has a new Chair Person Kayla Nored. The next Regional Council meeting is March 25th @ 12:30 pm, contact April for a link to attend the meeting. The State has free naloxone for EMS providers.

9. NEXT MEETING – April 3, 2025, at 14:30

Zoom Details:

Topic: Yakima County EMS Council (aka Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council)

Time: June 5, 2025, 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
August 7, 2025, 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
October 2, 2025, 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Dec 4, 2025, 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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10. Adjournment – Dave Lynde made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wayne Guckert. Motion approved.

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Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council
Bi-Monthly 2024 Training Report
Months: November 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/4/2024	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	East Valley FD	5	2.00
11/5/2024	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #91	17	2.00
	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #94	11	2.00
11/7/2024	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #91	13	2.00
	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #94	8	2.00
11/12/2024	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Highland & Naches Hts FD @ Naches Hts	11	2.00
11/13/2024	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Gleed FD	8	2.00
11/14/2024	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #91	11	2.00
	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	Yakima FD, St #94	8	2.00
11/16/2024	2024 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills) Makeup	FD#5, St#7 @ Sawyer	7	2.00
	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup		15	2.00
11/19/2024	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	East Valley FD	12	2.00
11/21/2024	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills)	East Valley FD	7	2.00
12/3/2024	2024 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills) Makeup	YCDEMS Classrooms	4	2.00
	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup		15	2.00
12/4/2024	2024 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills) Makeup	YCDEMS Classrooms	2	2.00
	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup		8	2.00
12/13/2024	2024 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills) Makeup	YCDEMS Classrooms	8	2.00
	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup		9	2.00
12/21/2024	2024 Workshop A (Mod 1 Skills) Makeup	YCDEMS Classrooms	13	2.00
	2024 Workshop B (Mod 2 Skills) Makeup		8	2.00
	2024 Workshop C (Mod 3 Skills) Makeup		8	2.00
	2024 Workshop D (Mod 4 Skills) Makeup		15	2.00
		TOTALS	**223**	**46.00**
		AVERAGES	**9.70**	**2.00**

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/18/2024	2024 ALS (Paramedic) Workshop D (Mod 4)	American Medical Response	6	1.00
	2024 ILS (EMT-IV and AEMT) Workshop D (Mod 4)		6	1.00
	2024 BLS Workshop D (Mod 4		14	2.00
11/21/2024	2024 ALS (Paramedic) Workshop D (Mod 4)	American Medical Response	8	1.00
	2024 ILS (EMT-IV and AEMT) Workshop D (Mod 4)		9	1.00
	2024 BLS Workshop D (Mod 4)		20	2.00
	2024 BLS Workshop C (Mod 3)		1	2.00

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Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/22/2024	2025 ALS (Paramedic) Workshop D (Mod 4)	American Medical Response	3	1.00
	2024 ILS (EMT-IV and AEMT) Workshop D (Mod 4)		3	1.00
	2024 BLS Workshop D (Mod 4)		18	2.00
12/4/2024	2024 ALS (Paramedic) Workshop D (Mod 4)	Advanced Life Systems	6	1.00
	2024 BLS Workshop D (Mod 4)		10	2.00
12/12/2024	2024 ALS (Paramedic) Workshop D (Mod 4)	Advanced Life Systems	3	1.00
	2024 BLS Workshop D (Mod 4)		5	2.00
12/16/2024	2024 ALS (Paramedic) Workshop D (Mod 4)	American Medical Response	3	1.00
	2024 ILS (EMT-IV and AEMT) Workshop D (Mod 4)		3	1.00
	2024 BLS Workshop D (Mod 4)		3	2.00
12/17/2024	2024 BLS Workshop D (Mod 4)	American Medical Response	1	2.00
12/19/2024	2024 ALS (Paramedic) Workshop D (Mod 4)	American Medical Response	1	1.00
	2024 BLS Workshop D (Mod 4)		10	2.00
12/20/2024	2024 ALS (Paramedic) Workshop C (Mod 3)	American Medical Response	1	1.00
	2024 ILS (EMT-IV and AEMT) Workshop C (Mod 3)		1	1.00
	2024 BLS Workshop C (Mod 3)		1	2.00
	2024 BLS Workshop D (Mod 4)		3	2.00
12/27/2024	2024 ILS (EMT-IV and AEMT) Workshop D (Mod 4)	YCDEMS	4	1.00
	2024 BLS Workshop B (Mod 2)		4	2.00
		TOTALS	**147**	**38.00**
		AVERAGES	**5.65**	**1.46**

INSTRUCTOR COURSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
12/10/2024	Washington State Recertification EMS Evaluator Course	YCDEMS Classrooms	15	4.00
		TOTALS	**15**	**4.00**
		AVERAGES	**15.00**	**4.00**

2024 FALL EMT COURSE

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/2/2024	Fall EMT Course - Practicals Skills: Patients Assessment Trauma, Seated Immobilization, Traction Splint, Long Bone/Joint, Splinting & Bleeding Control	YCDEDMS Classrooms	18	6.00
11/7/2024	Fall EMT Course - Lecture Face, Neck, Head & Spine Injures and Chest & Abdominal Injuries	YCDEDMS Classrooms	18	3.00
11/9/2024	Fall EMT Course - Practicals Skills: Patient Assessment Trauma, LSB & Scoop, Traction Splint, Long bone/Joint Splint & Bleeding Control	YCDEDMS Classrooms	18	6.00

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2024 FALL EMT COURSE - continued

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/14/2024	Fall EMT Course - Lecture Orthopedic Injuries & Environmental Emergencies	YCDEDMS Classrooms	18	3.00
11/16/2024	Fall EMT Course - Practicals Skills: Patient Assessment Trauma, Open Skills Trauma	YCDEDMS Classrooms	18	6.00
11/21/2024	Fall EMT Course - Lecture Rescue & Transport Operations	YCDEDMS Classrooms	18	3.00
11/23/2014	Fall EMT Course - Practicals Skills: Patient Assessment Trauma, Splinting & Traction - Long Bone and Open Scenario Major & Minor Trauma	YCDEDMS Classrooms	18	3.00
12/5/2024	Fall EMT Course - Lecture Topics Driven by student choice	YCDEDMS Classrooms	18	3.00
12/7/2024	Fall EMT Course - Practicals - Putting It All Together	YCDEMS Classrooms	18	8.00
12/12/2024	Fall EMT Course - Final Written	YCDEMS Classrooms	18	3.00
		TOTALS	**180**	**44.00**
		AVERAGES	**18.00**	**4.40**

2025 WINTER EMT COURSE

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/1/2024	Winter EMT Course Interviews	Classrooms	8	5.00
11/5/2024	Winter EMT Academy - ASHI HCP Course (Lesson 1)	Classrooms	21	4.00
11/12/2024	Winter EMT Course - Orientation	Classrooms	21	3.00
12/13/2024	Winter EMT Course - Travis Alert Act OTEP Module & Pre-Course Medical Terminology 1	Ninth Brain	21	4.00
		TOTALS	71	16.00
		AVERAGES	17.75	4.00

	Students	Hours
GRAND TOTALS	**636**	**148.00**
GRAND AVERAGES	**9.94**	**2.31**

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